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LATEST FOREIGN TELEGRAMS.

STUDIO CRIME.

HOW PRESIDENT FAURE DIED.

SENSATIONAL RUMOUR.

(From Our Paris Correspondent.)

Paris, Saturday Evening.—The surprises in the Steinheil tragedy have only just commenced. Behind the "affaire" lies a mass of scandal, which in a great degree explains the reluctance of the Paris police to push the solution of the mystery to a finish. The arrest of Mme. Steinheil, the beautiful wife of the dead painter, who, on her own admission, has been the mistress of almost a score of rich and influential men, threatens to awaken a mystery almost as great as was the Dreyfus case, namely, the enigma of the sudden death ten years ago of M. Félix Faure, then President of the Republic. The allegation that M. Faure's death was not a natural one has been so widely circulated that it has come to be recognised by the French public almost as a truth. Poison was openly spoken of, and to-day one newspaper at least goes so far as to suggest that Mme. Steinheil can tell more about the matter than the police would care for her to say.

M. Faure's Dramatic Death.

The relations of Mme. Steinheil and ex-President Faure are therefore worth recalling. Mme. Steinheil met M. Faure in 1898 at the Alpine manœuvres, where she was travelling in company—the information is vouched for by a member of the Chamber of Deputies—with a certain M. L——, an examining magistrate. M. Faure was charmed by the woman's beauty and grace, and invited her to the Elysée, the Presidential Palace, on her return to Paris. From that moment she was a frequent visitor to the President. It is around her last visit that mystery revolves. On the evening of Feb. 17, 1899, President Faure received her privately in a room on the ground floor, separated only from the President's official cabinet by two small salons, one of which was occupied by his secretary, M. Le Gall. About half an hour later M. Le Gall was startled by a faint cry for help apparently emanating from the room occupied by the President and Mme. Steinheil. He took upon himself to open the door, and was surprised to see M. Faure lying moaning on a couch, with Mme. Steinheil standing at his side. On the approach of M. Le Gall Mme. Steinheil apparently fainted. Doctors were called, and M. Faure was removed to his private apartments, where he expired shortly afterwards. His death was officially attributed to an attack of arterio-sclerosis, provoked by congestion. It is the tragic fatality which made Mme. Steinheil witness of the death of President Faure, which may now have to be investigated.

M. Leydet's Position.

The present inquiry has, however, brought to light another scandal which to moral, law-abiding Britain seems almost incredible—namely, the scene of a magistrate judging for a serious crime a woman who was formerly his mistress. Such, however, is the allegation which is brought against M. Leydet, the examining magistrate who has had charge of the case. M. Leydet has now dropped the case like a hot iron, but not before the matter has at least unofficially been discussed in Parliament. Opinion in the Chamber is particularly hard on the magistrate, who for almost six months accepted the responsibility to endeavouring to establish Mme. Steinheil's guilt. It is stated that the Minister of Justice has privately ordered a discreet inquiry.

Madame's Latest Lover.

Mme. Steinheil's explanation of her reason for reopening the case, with such tragic results for herself, when it seemed like dying a natural death, is that she was deeply in love with a wealthy man, whom boulevard gossip states to be a certain Count X——. For some time this man had been her lover, and after her husband's death she had conceived the idea of one day uniting her life to his. The suspicion cast upon her, however, had caused this man to abandon her, and it was in the hope of justifying herself in his eyes that she started a Press campaign, criticised the police, and accused innocent persons left and right of being her husband's murderers. In certain quarters there are those who allege that these very circumstances furnish the motive for the crime. At any rate the case cannot fail to end in startling revelations.

(Full details of the crime appear on page 6.)

THE LOST NECKLACE.

New York, Saturday.—On returning home from the theatre last night Mrs. Otto Heinse discovered that a magnificent pearl necklace which she had been wearing was missing. On the presumption that it was lost a large reward has been offered, but it is thought possible that it was stolen by an expert thief in the crush outside the theatre. The necklace was valued at £2,400.—Central News.

MAIL STEAMER WRECKED.

Copenhagen, Saturday.—The Danish mail steamer Valdemar, while on a voyage from Copenhagen to Drontheim, was wrecked this morning near Egersund, running ashore on the rocks in a dense fog. The vessel had a number of passengers on board, and a general cargo. The passengers and crew are safe.—Central News.

THE U.S. AND JAPAN.

AGREEMENT AS TO THE PACIFIC.

Washington, Saturday. — Despite official reticence, trustworthy information has been obtained of a Japanese-American Agreement of far-reaching importance. The Agreement is based on the idea of encouraging and defending free peaceful and commercial development in the Pacific. It contains not only a mutual guarantee on the part of Japan and the United States to respect each other's territorial possessions, but a mutual pledge to support the independence and integrity of China and the principle of equal commercial and industrial opportunity for all nations there.

Terms of Agreement.

The Agreement is drawn up in the form of a declaration consisting of five articles, of which the following is an accurate and faithful description:—

Article I. expresses the wish of the two Governments to encourage the free and peaceful development of their commerce in the Pacific.

Article II. contains a mutual disclaimer of aggressive designs, and also a definition of the policy of each of the two Governments for the maintenance of the status quo in the Pacific, and the principle of equal commercial opportunity in China.

Article III. states that each Government will respect the territorial possessions of the other in the Pacific.

Independence of China.

Article IV. expresses the mutual determination of the two Governments, "in the common interest of all the Powers," to support, "by all peaceful means at their disposal," the independence and integrity of China and the principle of equal commercial and industrial opportunity for all nations there.

Article V. mutually pledges the two Governments, "in case of the occurrence of any event threatening the status quo as above described, or the principle of equal opportunity as above defined," to communicate with each other for the purpose of arriving at a mutual understanding with regard to measures they may consider it useful to take.—Reuter.

MINE DISASTER.

200 MEN ENTOMBED IN PENNSYLVANIA.

New York, Saturday.—A terrible disaster has occurred at the Pittsburg and Buffalo Coal Co.'s Marianna (Pennsylvania) Mine, 200 miners having been entombed in the shaft. An explosion wrecked the timber supports in the mine, and the fate of the entombed miners up to the time of cabling is unknown. Rescue parties are at work, and great anxiety prevails.—Exchange.

THE MINE ON FIRE

Pittsburg, Saturday.—It is reported that the Pittsburg and Buffalo Coal Co.'s mine at Marianna has caught fire as a result of an explosion. Two hundred men are in the mine, and it is feared that they have been suffocated.—Reuter.

SHIP SUNK: 100 LIVES LOST.

Manila, Saturday.—The coasting steamer Penting, carrying labourers to the rice-fields, struck on a rock and sank last night. It is estimated that about a hundred passengers and crew were drowned.—Reuter.

SITUATION IN HAYTI.

New York, Saturday.—Great uncertainty still prevails regarding the actual position in Hayti. Most despatches agree that the entire Republic is in a state bordering upon Anarchy, but concerning the progress of the revolutionaries there is no reliable information. The proclamation by the Alexis Government of a blockade at Les Cayes, Aquin, and Jeremie has proved a fiasco. It is announced from Washington to-day that both Germany and the United States have declined to recognise it.—Central News.

FIGHTING IN PERSIA.

St. Petersburg, Saturday.—The following telegram has been received here from Urumiah (Persia): "The president of the late anjuman at Salmas, one Badahi Pishnamz, who at the end of October assembled 200 armed men in the Kara Dagh district and joined the revolutionaries from Dilman and the followers of Sata Khan, routed the Kurds who were despatched against him, and occupied Dilman after a long siege, he also took Koshneshehr. He is continually receiving reinforcements from Tabris and other districts. A detachment of the Persian brigade of Cossacks, which has been stationed for three months in Urumiah to protect the road from the Kurds, has left, by orders from Teheran and Tabris, to take part in the investment of the revolutionaries."—Reuter.

STOP PRESS.

MR. BIRRELL'S SPEECH.

GENERAL ELECTION REGARDED AS IMPROBABLE.

The Prime Minister has left town, but several of his supporters do not consider it probable that he would authorise any member of the cabinet other than himself to make an announcement of an immediate general election, as the decision upon that subject rests alone with Mr. Asquith, and he is not required even to consult his colleagues on the subject, although it cannot be doubted that they would be taken into council by him on such a critical matter. The statement of Mr. Birrell is regarded as pointing not to an immediate appeal to the country—which would be manifestly inconvenient on account of the near approach of Christmas—but as meaning more probably that the action of the House of Lords will be made a prominent feature in the fight which may take place in the course of next year.

MINE DISASTER.

275 MEN REPORTED TO BE IN THE PIT.

Pittsburg, Saturday (Later).—The first rescue party has been compelled to retreat on account of the intense heat. The authorities at Marianna estimate that the number of men in the mine is 275. One of the State mine inspectors had just completed the official inspection and stepped out of the cage only five minutes before the explosion occurred. He says that between 180 and 200 miners are entombed, and that there is little hope that any will survive. A thin cloud of smoke issuing from both shafts indicates the poisonous nature of the atmosphere in the mine.—Reuter.

GENERAL ELECTION?

MR. BIRRELL'S CRYPTIC UTTERANCE.

Speaking on the Licensing Bill at Warrington last night, Mr. Birrell made the following statement:—

You may rely upon it we shall give you opportunity of showing at the polls what your feelings are.

This cryptic utterance may mean much or nothing—probably nothing—for Mr. Birrell has long ceased to be regarded as a serious politician. The fact, however, remains that the Government may, in view of its accumulating difficulties, decide to take the bull by the horns and appeal early next year to the country. They are faced with a falling revenue, and are pledged to find a large sum of money for the Navy and also for Old-Age Pensions, the claims of which have far exceeded their anticipations. This means, of necessity, additional taxation, and rather than be the authors of this Mr. Asquith and his lieutenants may decide to resign. But in political circles this is regarded as unlikely.

MR. BOTTOMLEY, M.P. AND SOUTH HACKNEY.

Mr. Bottomley, M.P., met the executive of the S. Hackney Radical Association, and made a statement in reference to the pending legal proceedings against him, after hearing which a resolution was carried expressing confidence in the hon. member. Mr. Bottomley stated that, pending the proceedings, he should refrain from taking any active part in Parliament, but that as soon as the case was over he should take steps to ascertain the views of his constituents from both the political and personal aspects of his conduct.

THE KING'S HEALTH.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY LORD KNOLLYS.

The King returned to Sandringham yesterday from Castle Rising, instead of proceeding to Raynham, as had been originally arranged. Having had a slight cold about him his Majesty has not been shooting. Last evening the following telegram from Lord Knollys, in response to a request for an official statement concerning his Majesty's health, was issued:—

Sandringham,—The King has been suffering from an ordinary cold, but his Majesty is now better. —KNOLLYS.

Last night the King and Queen, King Haakon and Queen Maud, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and their Majesties' guests dined together at Sandringham House.

DUKE OF WESTMINSTER

SUFFERING FROM MALARIAL OR ENTERIC FEVER.

The Duke of Westminster, who arrived at Southampton yesterday on the Walmer Castle, on his return from a shooting expedition, is seriously ill. The doctors in attendance held a consultation on board the Walmer Castle yesterday, as the result of which it was decided to remove his grace by special train to London. It is not definitely known whether the Duke is suffering from malarial or enteric fever. The latter is said to be prevalent in S. Africa just now. Inquiries at Grosvenor House late last night showed that the Duke was a little better.

TARIFF PROPOSALS.

In view of the proposals for the revision of the United States customs tariff, which are under consideration, the London Chamber of Commerce, having regard to the importance of the matter, propose to make representations to the Government, as to any action that may be possible in the interests of British manufacturers and exporters. A meeting of firms likely to be interested in trade with the United States will take place at the Chamber's offices on Wednesday next at noon.

BURIED ALIVE.

Two men named Andw. Watts and John Thos. McCrae were working in a ballast pit at Lower Edmonton yesterday when a mass of earth fell upon them. Watts was completely buried, and when he was dug out, three-quarters of an hour later, he was found to be dead. McCrae escaped with severe bruises and cuts.

EVERY VOTE WANTED

PARTY FEELING RUNS HIGH AT CHELMSFORD.

Candidates:—

Mr. E. Pretyman (U.)
Mr. A. M. Dence (R.)
Polling: Tuesday.

Figures at General Election: Rasch (U.), 4,915; Dence (R.), 4,461. Unionist majority, 454.

Chelmsford, Saturday night.

If every Unionist does his duty on Tuesday and records his vote, Mr. Pretyman will be returned with a handsome majority. The great danger to the cause of Tariff Reform lies in over-confidence, and this is very marked in Chelmsford itself and Brentwood, where it is taken for granted that "Pretyman's safe." At this particular juncture it is essential that the majority of the Unionist candidate shall be a record one, and this will not be achieved unless every supporter goes to the poll.

The stormy scenes which have occurred at Radical meetings, though not to be wondered at when their tactics are considered, have done the Unionist cause no good, for they have enabled Mr. Dence and his supporters

MR. E. G. PRETYMAN.

to pose as martyrs. The general opinion is, however, that the Radicals have got no less than they deserved.

I am in a position to state that the reports of the condition of Mr. Martin, the Radical agent who was injured at Ingatestone, have been much exaggerated. His wife, who hastened to see him on account of the alarmist reports in the Radical Press, found him sitting up, and she was able to leave for home the same day. The operation, of which so much has been made by Mr. Dence's supporters, was, I learn, performed eight years ago. The Home Secretary has sent down a doctor to examine Mr. Martin, and his report in no way confirms the wild statements made concerning the injuries.

Great amusement was caused in Chelmsford to-day by two horses which were led through the streets. One, a sorry-looking animal, was bedecked with yellow favours and bore the inscription, "Starvation and Dence's Policy." The other was a carthorse of substantial proportions adorned with blue ribbons and labelled "Pretyman and Tariff Reform."

To-night Chelmsford has presented an unwonted appearance. Mr. Dence has held a meeting to which no one was admitted who was not known to hold Radical views or who was unaccompanied by one of Mr. Dence's known supporters. This saved the candidate from an awkward heckling.

—The Chairman of the meeting exonerated Mr. Pretyman absolutely of complicity in what took place at Ingatestone.

The Unionists have held a number of meetings, and have been busily engaged on the final canvass. This shows a very satisfactory return, but as I have already said every Unionist vote must be polled if a sweeping victory is to be achieved. The result will be made known about noon on Wednesday.

Mr. J. Mackie, B.A., Oxford, has been appointed by the University Court of St. Andrew's University to the Lectureship of Modern History in the University.

POPLAR SCANDAL.

CALCUTT'S HUMOROUS REPLIES.

When the trial of the seven guardians and ex-guardians of Poplar was resumed at the Old Bailey yesterday, Jas. Calcutt, the building contractor, continued his story.—Peacock; one of the accused, asked Calcutt a number of questions from the dock.—When my father died you said you had lost a good friend? I did.—And I said I would be a friend to you if I could? Yes, which you were to a certain extent. It would have been better if you hadn't been, and then I shouldn't have been in prison.—Did I ever receive any money from you while I was on the board? I've already said you didn't receive one farthing.

Paying for Drinks.

—Peacock: Did I not pay for drinks as well as you? Yes, but they were very few.—Didn't you find me good-hearted? Yes, so far as you could afford to be. (Laughter.)—After this, questions turned on the chimney which the Solicitor-General said in opening the case was knocked down and re-built, although there was no need for its demolition.—"Didn't you," asked Peacock, "point out to me that it wasn't straight, and suggest it ought to come down?" "No," answered Calcutt. "You said, 'Look at that bally chimney.'"—Answering Mr. G. Elliott, Calcutt mentioned that at that time he was doing work for the Mile End Guardians, for the borough council, and other bodies.—Mr. Elliott: I quite agree; you were doing them all. (Laughter.)—The Poplar and Mile End Guardians used to meet together, said Calcutt.—We might say they were all in the swim? In the boat.—And you were at the helm? (Laughter.) I think I was in the bunk. (Laughter.)—Calcutt declared that the clerk (Mr. Poskett) and Peacock used to dine together and go through his bills whilst he waited outside.

Cigars and a Turkey.

—Then do you suggest that Mr. Poskett knew all that was going on? I think he must have done. — You quite understand that is a very serious statement to make? You asked me to speak the truth, and I am speaking the truth. — Calcutt added that he had done work for Mr. Poskett, and had never been paid for it.—You were on very intimate terms with him? Yes, he had turkey and cigars too.—He never mentioned the delicate question of what there was to pay?—Speaking of one person, Mr. Elliott asked Calcutt if that gentleman was a German. — "No, I don't think he's a German," replied Calcutt. "He's a very decent fellow." (Laughter.)

Other Names Involved.

—In answer to other questions, Calcutt said he had told the Treasury everything, and had mentioned the names of some three other persons who, he alleged, were implicated in the scandals.—Mr. Abinger: I would ask your lordship that the witness should not mention the names of these persons? — Recorder: Certainly not; the matters affecting these people may be under the investigation of the Treasury authorities, and it would be most improper that their names should be given.—Mr. Abinger (for J. E. Smith): You admit you swore falsely at the Mile End inquiry?—Calcutt: Yes. If I had not it would have lasted two days instead of 20, and we should have all been in prison sooner. — Day by day you swore falsely? Yes, until they all left me in the lurch, and then I pleaded guilty.—The trial was adjourned.

FOR A STRONG NAVY.

Last night, at a meeting held at Anerley in connection with the Imperial Maritime League, it was unanimously decided that a meeting should be called to take place at Norwood to protest against the continued reduction of naval expenditure by the present Government and the resulting danger in which it was contended the country is now placed. A resolution was also adopted favouring a women's branch of the League.

MINERS' EIGHT HOURS BILL.

A large demonstration is to be held in the Excelsior Hall, Bethnal Green, next Friday, at 8.30 p.m., to enable the poor of the East-End to protest against the Miners' Eight Hours Bill. Lord Robert Cecil, K.C., M.P., will be the principal speaker.

FUNDS OF TRADES UNIONS.

ELECTION LEVIES.

COURT OF APPEAL SAYS THEY ARE ILLEGAL.

IMPORTANT DECISION.

An important and far-reaching decision was given in the Court of Appeal yesterday. Three judges, the Master of the Rolls and Lords Justices Moulton and Farwell, unanimously decided that a trades union cannot legally make a levy upon its members for the purposes of Parliamentary representation.

As a result of this decision, an injunction was granted restraining the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants from applying their funds to this purpose.

This decision is rendered more significant by the fact that the society wished to appeal to the House of Lords, but the application was flatly refused by their lordships, who held that the society had no right to spend its money in this way.

M.P.s' SALARIES.

This decision will be far reaching, as nearly all the trades unions subscribe to the Parliamentary funds of the Labour party, who pay a salary to many of the Labour members in the House of Commons. The salaries of most of the members of the party are paid out of special levies, which amount in the majority of unions to a shilling a year per member. Some of the members—the members of the trades union group in particular—have the whole of their salaries paid by their unions, others being paid out of the Labour party funds, to which each union affiliated subscribes at the rate of twopence a member. In one or two cases the payments come out of the ordinary or reserve funds of unions.

Members Affected.

Some of the principal Labour M.P.s who are connected with trades unions are:—

Mr. T. Ashton (Spinners).
Mr. Geo. N. Barnes (Engineers)
Mr. R. Bell (Engineers).
Mr. C. W. Bowerman (Compositors).
Mr. J. R. Clynes (Cotton Operatives).
Mr. P. Curran (Gas Workers).
Mr. C. Duncan (Workers' Union).
Mr. E. Edwards (Miners).
Mr. A. H. Gill (Spinners).
Mr. T. Glover (Miners).
Mr. Keir Hardie (Miners).
Mr. J. Haslam (Miners).
Mr. W. E. Harvey (Miners).
Mr. John Hodge (Steel Smelters).
Mr. W. Hudson (Railway Servants).
Mr. J. H. Jenkins (Shipwrights).
Mr. Wm. Johnson (Miners).
Mr. G. D. Kelly (Printers).
Mr. J. T. Macpherson (Steel Smelters).
Mr. J. O'Grady (Furniture Trades).
Mr. T. Richards (Miners).
Mr. J. A. Seddon (Shop Assistants).
Mr. D. J. Shackleton (Weavers).
Mr. A. Stanley (Miners).
Mr. J. W. Taylor (Colliery Mechanics).
Mr. Will Thorne (Gas Workers).
Mr. S. Walsh (Miners).
Mr. J. Ward (Navvies).
Mr. G. J. Wardle (Cotton Operatives).
Mr. A. Wilkie (Shipwrights).
Mr. J. H. Wilson (Seamen).
Mr. J. Wilson (Miners).

A SECRETARY'S APPEAL.

CHANCERY JUDGE'S DECISION REVERSED.

The case was that of Osborne v. the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants and others, on plaintiff's appeal from a decision of Justice Neville in the Chancery Division, holding, in effect, that the way in which trades unions employ their funds to obtain representation in the House of Commons was a matter with which the courts are not concerned.—Plaintiff, who is the secretary of the Walthamstow branch of defendant society, which is a trade union established in 1872, brought the action for a declaration, and an injunction to restrain defendant society and its trustees from distributing money for any objects other than those mentioned in Section 16 of the Trades Union Act, 1876.

Labour Party and Socialism.

The point raised was whether defendant society was entitled to ally itself to the Labour party, whose objects and policy, plaintiff contended, led to Socialism. Plaintiff's main complaint was of an amendment to the society's rules at the annual meeting held at Cardiff in October, 1906, which ran as follows:—"All candidates shall sign and accept the conditions of the Labour party, and be subject to their whip." At the trial it was contended that this resolution was invalid, on the ground that it was against the rule that the society had powers to "amend, rescind, or make rules every three years," as it had been adjudicated upon twice within three years; and plaintiff also contended that the resolution was a departure from trades union principles.—Justice Neville, in holding that the rule was not ultra vires, said that trades unions were just as much entitled to affiliate themselves in support of a Socialist party as they would be to affiliate themselves in support of a Unionist or Labour party; and given the right to amend their money on representation in the House of Commons, how they spent it was purely a question of policy, in which the court would not concern itself, and it was against this decision that Mr. Osborne now appealed.

The Judgment.

—The Master of the Rolls, in his judgment, was of opinion that it was not competent for a trade union to provide for Parliamentary representation by means of a compulsory levy upon its members. He also, upon the construction of the Act, was clearly of opinion that it would be wrong to hold that the certificate of the Registrar, that the alteration of the rules had been registered under the Trades Union Act, was conclusive as to the validity of the proceedings under which the alteration had been made. He thought the appeal must be allowed, and a declaration granted that the amendment to rule XIII., section 4, was invalid, and was not binding upon plaintiff or the other members of the society, and an injunction to restrain defendants from levying upon plaintiff or other members of the society, and from applying any of the moneys of the society for any of the purposes in question. Respondents should pay the costs of the action and of the appeal.

Further Appeal Refused.

—Lord Justice Moulton said he was of opinion that in 1871 the maintenance of Parliamentary representation was not one of the defined objects of trades unions, and he could not say that it was contained in Section 16 of the Act of 1876. He was therefore of opinion that it could not be legally made an object of the trade union, or that it could be added as one of the objects of the defendant society. It followed that it was ultra vires to make levies on the members of the society for the purpose of Parliamentary representation. For these reasons he was of opinion that the proposed rules were illegal and that the enforcement of subscriptions for the purpose of raising funds to carry them into effect, and the employment of the existing funds of the society for that purpose, would be wholly illegal acts. He therefore agreed that plaintiff was entitled to the whole of the relief which the Master of the Rolls had formulated in his judgment.—Lord Justice Farwell delivered judgment to the same effect, and the appeal was accordingly allowed.—Mr. Peterson, K.C., on behalf of respondents, asked for a suspension of the injunction pending an appeal to the House of Lords.—Lord Justice Farwell: What for? To let you spend money that we have already said has been used for illegal purposes? I should think not.—Application refused.

STREET TRAGEDY.

PROBABLE EARLY ARREST FOR CHISWICK MURDER.

An arrest may be expected at any moment in connection with the Chiswick street tragedy. The man, Wm. Ward, against whom the jury at the inquest this week returned a verdict of wilful murder, was yesterday seen and recognised in High-st., Lewisham, but succeeded in evading the attention of the police. Scotland Yard detectives were last night directing their attention in one particular quarter, and it is probable that an arrest may be effected in the near future.

SUFFRAGISTS RELEASED.

Five suffragist heroines of the "chained-to-the-grille" incident in the House of Commons were released from Holloway yesterday. They were Mrs. Duval, Miss Matters, Miss Tillard, Miss Bremner, and Miss Manning, of Manchester. Outside the prison they were met by Mrs. Despard and other officials and members of the Women's Freedom League, who escorted them to the Cottage Tea Rooms, where breakfast was held in their honour.

FORECASTS OF THE WEATHER.

FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING MIDNIGHT (SUNDAY).

London and S.E. England—S.W. and W. winds, light or moderate; local showers in morning; cooler.

England, N.E. & E. — S.W. and W. winds, light; cloudy; showers; cooler.

The Midlands — S. and S.W. winds; local showers in morning, otherwise fair; rather cooler.

England, N.W. & S.W. — W. to S.W. or S. winds, moderate; fair at first; cooler rain later; cooler.

West Channel and Bay — S. and S.W. winds, moderate or fresh; showery, and rather rough sea.

SUN { Rises 7.43 a.m. Sets 3.54 p.m. } Moon { Rises 12.44 p.m. Sets 9.41 p.m.

Lighting-up time for vehicles, 4.54 p.m.

TIDE TABLE FOR THE WEEK

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CIGARETTE PAPERS
FOR AFTER-DINNER SMOKING.

Beginners.

The first footsteps of genius in the direction of their greatest achievements are always a fascinating subject. Scott during his legal studies, cramming his desk with romances; Canning addressing his mimic House of Commons when a boy at Eton; Nelson's pathetic reception on board his first ship; Napoleon from college writing to his mother, "with my sword by my side and Homer in my pocket, I hope to carve my way through the world"; Canova modelling his first figure for the Falieri cook; and a hundred incidents of famous boyhoods belong to the most stirring romances of life. The "romance of misfortune" is the principal charm of most biographies. Sir Edward Burne-Jones in his garret would have heightened our appreciation of his palace. Prof. Herkomer, penniless and hungry, snubbed by a prating prig of a publisher, led up with artistic effect to his ultimate triumph. It went home to those "who had been there," and encouraged those who were only in the hungry stage of their combats with "lions in the way." Happy are they who come through their trials strong enough to pass calmly into the reflective stage of life. It is the pitiable and peddling surroundings in which the genius of Dickens survived that make the stories of Gad's Hill charming. The phonograph gains an added touch of wonder when it is associated with the inventor's humble origin. When you think of the "Father of Railways," your heart rather than your head responds to the story of his career. You see his childish tramway trampled on by thoughtless pitmen rather than his victorious "Rocket," dwell upon his despair under the torture of ignorant, if be-wigged cross-examiners, rather than the joy of his ultimate success. Do we think of Sir Josiah Mason, the philanthropist, as the millionaire? If so it is only by way of contrast to the proud possessor of a donkey and cart crying his wares along the Bull Ring in Birmingham. He could not spell correctly, but his name will live in the history of Birmingham and in the romance of British industries long after whole armies of mere scholars are dead and forgotten.

The Romance of "A Little Cheque."

Edison's first great cheque is a little romance of money. It staggered him, though his mind is above gold, except for the use he can make of it in his inventions. It was in the very early days of his career. The Gold and Stock Telegraph Co. at New York wanted to buy several of his patents for stock printing and telegraphic appliances. A deputation waited upon him. The inventor in his own mind had fixed the price at 5,000 dollars. But he asked the deputation to make him an offer. They did; it was 40,000 dollars. "I believe I could have been knocked down by a feather," says Edison. In a day or two an agreement was brought to him. He signed it, and received a cheque for his money. He took it to a bank in William and Wall Street. Being rather deaf, he did not understand some difficulty that stood in the way of his having the money at once. He sat down and waited, and from the first having felt there must be something wrong in the business, he began to think that he would never be able to cash his cheque. In an American bank you must give evidence of identity before they will cash a draft payable to order. Edison had never been in a bank before. Sitting dismally waiting while other people were dealt with at the counter, so hopeless did he become that any one could have bought from him the rights in that cheque for 50 dollars. At last he came upon a friend who explained the business, was duly identified, received his 40,000 dollars, to his great astonishment, and promptly spent it equipping a workshop of his own, which soon earned many more much larger cheques than ever he had previously seen or dreamed of.

Elementary Principles.

The dominating principles among the many that must necessarily belong to the authorities of the London elementary schools are the principles of reticence and caution. It has been communicated to me officially that the tercentenary of Milton's birth, which falls on Dec. 9, is to be commemorated in the London elementary schools. Mark that this tercentenary "is to be" commemorated; and then read further along, or down the "official programme." You will find that the "is to be" becomes a "might be" or a "might not be" for behold: "It has been *decided* to give (the italics are mine own), *if practicable*, a suitable lesson on the great poet's life and work on the day in question, to be preceded, *if possible*, by lessons on the same subject during the previous week." If this most excellent intention has been decided on, why the "if practicable," and the "if possible"? And if there is any doubt about the commemoration coming off, why on earth has it been arranged? I am not sure that this wobbly attitude of the London elementary schools authorities towards the John Milton celebration presents, in the reading, a wholly desirable example to the pupils of the London elementary schools. In any case, I beg most humbly to suggest to the authorities that they should finally make up their minds at least as to the following facts:—That there can be but one tercentenary of Milton's birth, and that if they put off the commemoration until Dec. 9, 1908, it shall have become a back number, the opportunity, like Paradise, will be Lost.

Milton's Daughters.

It is now somewhat late in the day to be angry with Milton's three daughters, the offspring of his first unhappy plunge, for their "undutiful and unkind" treatment of their illustrious parent; but if 'he authorities of the London Elementary schools really are going to provide their pupils with that "suitable lesson on the great poet's life and work," it would be as well that some reference should be made to the ingratitude of those young women, who appear to have been very commonplace and unsympathetic misses, and who, had they been of to-day's life, would in all probability be sending in their photographs to Mr. Seymour Hicks and Mr. George Edwardes, in the hope of their faces being considered attractive enough to suggest a talent for musical comedy chorus. As a child, I had in my room an engraving which depicted John Milton, the last remains of his failing eyesight sacrificed in the composition of his "Defensio Populi," sitting in a beautiful Cromwellian "interior," dictating "Paradise Lost" to the eldest of three angel-faced daughters. All were looking towards the pathetic figure of the "Second-to-none-but-Shakspere" poet, with eyes brimming over with devotion, and unless I am very much misled by imperfect memory, his youngest daughter was sitting at his feet and the middle one had her hand on his shoulder, somewhat after the fashion of that photographic pose which used to be considered indispensable in cases of early Victorian "groups."

Disillusioned.

But when I grew up, and read that the Milton girls were "undutiful and unkind" to their father, the angel-faces of the daughters changed, and their combined expressions seemed to hint at some such dialogue as this:—The Eldest: "I wish you would hurry up with this blessed 'Paradise Lost.' I tell you, father, I'm getting sick of the whole thing, and I don't think it stands the smallest chance, even with Samuel Simmons." The Middle One: "It is not kind of you, father, to keep us in on a lovely evening like this. You could easily put off writing until to-morrow. There's no one waiting in the hall for the copy." The Youngest: "No wonder mother died! It must have been your 'Defensio Populi'!" Of course, it was not as bad as all that; but his daughters must have made it fairly uncomfortable for the Christian poet, or he would never, could never, have left on record a complaint of their behaviour. And when I learned of this little domestic trouble the poet and his work seemed to me the greater and the nobler, for I pictured him making as little as possible of his own private sorrow, that the splendid gifts he was preparing for the world should not leave his hands with the taint upon them of worldly vexation. The knowledge that his later and greater work was pursued under uncongenial conditions put me in touch with a tremendous moral lesson. That is why the incident should find a place in the Milton lectures which, we hope we may hope, are being prepared in celebration of the tercentenary of the poet's birth.

A Eighty Mother.

If Milton's daughters were really as "undutiful and unkind" as he declared them to be (and who could doubt his word and remain fit company for sober society?) there was the excuse that they had in them the blood of Mary Powell, the daughter of a high cavalier of Oxfordshire, to whom, in 1643, John Milton was married. This lady, for her own sake as well as for the poet's, had better have entered into holy matrimony with a gentleman of her own circle, for she had been with her husband but a month when she went back into the country ostensibly on a short visit to her parents (Milton having brought her to London after the marriage ceremony), but with the set and secret intention of never returning to him. She excused herself on the grounds that the studious habits and philosophical seclusion of the poet were hardly conducive to a congenial married life; but surely Milton must have betrayed in his manner and life some sign of those (to her) defects during the period of their early acquaintance and in his wooing? The tragic fact of the matter was that Mary, married to a great man, had no love for greatness. She seems to have been a very flighty person, with a very ordinary mind; but she had her womanliness nevertheless, for when, a year after her cruel desertion, she found that Milton was making very serious advances to another lady, she rushed back to him "submissive in distress"! It was Death's fault that she deserted him for a second time, for she died about the time that his sight left him; and when he married again (as he did but a year after Mary's decease) his bride, Miss Woodcock, was the woman in whose memory he wrote his most touching of sonnets, after her death, when they had been married a year:—

Methought I saw my late espoused saint
Brought to me like Alcestis from the grave,
Whom Jove's great son to her glad husband gave,
Rescued from death by force, though pale and faint.
Mine, as whom wash'd from spot of child-bed taint
Purification in the old law did save,
And such as yet once more I trust to have
Full sight of her in heaven without restraint,
Came vested all in white, pure as her mind;
Her face was veil'd, yet to my fancied sight,
Love, goodness, sweetness, in her person shin'd
So clear, as in no face with more delight
But, oh! as to embrace me she inclin'd,
I wak'd, she fled, and day brought back my night!

And then Milton married his third wife, Elizabeth Tinshull.

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HORS-DE-PLUME.

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LEGAL.

CAIRO.—1. No. 2. No.

MALTA.—Yes, you sue for both.

LARDAR.—No, but it is difficult to stop it.

WAGHELSEI.—Yes, sue.

W. S. P.—You can't change it.

DORSET.—Yes, if the fact is known and admitted.

SUNLIGHT.—1. Yes. 2. Very good case.

A. A. F.—No grounds.

THOMAS.—Take action for possession.

THAT.—Half pay all you are likely to get.

RUSSELL.—There is no such law in England.

LANDLORD.—Yes, if you claim good.

ORURA.—Inquire at Guildhall.

LEASE (Luton).—A slippery clause.

CHARCOAL.—Misunderstood as to facts stated.

R. M. A.—Yes, but widow gets a share.

IMPECUNITY.—Yes, for both.

WOODVILLE.—No the husband if she made no will.

VAN ONE.—Yes, at common law.

MINEY.—No, he cannot get second debt.

CAMELLIA.—1. No. 2. No.

BLUE EYES.—Get certificates of baptism from the church.

LITTLE JACK.—1. £50. 2. No, but very doubtful.

PEOPLEITE.—Depends entirely on details of case you send us on the land.

CONSTANT READER (Birmingham).—Depends on the case and on the land.

HODGELL.—If the mortgage was in usual form you have no further claim.

MUCH WORRIED.—Not liable at present, as stated.

BOB.—You must get an order to produce death before anything further can be distributed.

25 YEARS' SUBSCRIBER.—Fifty years from last 6th Nov. Cost about £3 4s.

APPROPRIATION.—1. No. 2. The suggested bill would be most interesting. No.

SWALLOW.—He can distrain, but he is hardly likely to if you go on paying current rent.

REID'S STOUT.—Repeat question and send copy of agreement.

HERO.—We are confident no Court would give damages in a case.

SALOPIAN.—Sell the shares to somebody who believes in them.

TAFFY.—All surviving brothers and sisters would divide equally.

OUNDLE.—If we remember your question correctly you are still liable for holidays.

FAIR PLAY.—The lessee would go to her elder brother.

BROWNE.—You can pay when convenient, according to your verbal agreement.

BASKETS.—No, unless the goods pass at the same time.

BIRMINGHAM.—Yes, you are, if it is in the usual form.

DRIVERS.—Yes, but we should go and let him see if he dares.

OLD CHINA.—You can sell it, but you will always be liable to be made to refund if the owner proves that the articles were his property.

NATTY.—Commence an action for an injunction. They will quickly remove them or come to terms with you.

PARCAREL.—You are responsible to the extent of your ability to assist. You are bound to have given something.

SCOTTY.—Quite legal, but the luck of home-made wills have to be litigated afterwards. Much better employ a solicitor.

IGNORANT No. 6.—(a) Hardly; give them a week or two longer. (b) Take out a judgment summons.

DENOE.—1. No. 2. Read your agreement again. If you fancy anything in it as to re-entry terminating agreement bring it to us to re-entry terminating.

JACK STRAW.—Advertise that unless claimed will be sold to pay expenses, but you must keep a right account.

GRIP.—You can't get a divorce for adultery alone, but you could get a judicial separation; and the payments would be made on order of Court.

SHAREHOLDER (1).—We don't suppose it matters in the least which way you vote, but if you have reasons don't vote at all.

MARY'S RIGHTS.—Repeat first question and answer and then repeat second question.

C. T. T.—Write to Probate Department, Somerset House, Strand, W.C. Give date and full particulars. Enclose 5s. 6d. expenses.

ANXIOUS ONE (Warminster).—It will go to his nephews and nieces equally. Freeholds will go as copyholds.

IGNORANT No. 1.—Write to the Home Office for the papers. 2. Fill them up very carefully. 3. Cost about £5.

PREWITPILL.—1. No. 2. No. If they do complain to the Pastmaster-General at St. Martin's-le-Grand, E.C. 3. No remedy.

CHASTISED.—If she continues to be in the country you must serve it by a stamped and registered absolute bill of sale.

H. A. HORTON.—It is his guardians' duty, but it is difficult to prove negligence. The best course is to see to it yourself.

ANXIOUS.—We fear she has made herself liable. Ask her when next in her power to sign a document and take a copy, or offer to pay for same.

KNOCKLEDGE.—1. Marriage annuls a will. 2. If no will, husband gets all. 3. In her will she can leave the property to whom she likes.

ANXIOUS ONE (S.E.).—Go to the Bankruptcy Court in London and apply there. They will give you all information. The cost is not great.

MAYFAIR.—You can distrain on their goods, but cannot turn them out without a magistrate's order.

COLLATERAL.—Ask him to supply you with a copy of the deed and offer to pay for it. It will be worth while proving it to be alive, but he is not liable to prosecution for bigamy on facts stated.

GIGLAMPS.—We may be wrong, but we fancy your friend's new agreement would probably be void. Why bother? Get a good solicitor at once and bring an action for the return of the £10 and the cancelling of the agreement.

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PETER SIMPLE.—1. Yes. 2. No. 3. The testamentary memorandum would not be registered, so it is a purely religious matter. We hardly think it could be done to you suspect. The covenant could be altered in some ways. Consult a clergyman.

JUSTIFYING.—The separation order prevents her leaving your service. She can prove cruelty and adultery. If not, she can't get a divorce. It will probably take about a year. Cost largely depends on exposure of evidence. Apply at Divorce Registry, Somerset House, where she will be told what to do.

TROD ON.—(a) You are a yearly tenant and could have been forced to give six months' notice, terminating any April. 1. Yes. 2. About £2. 3. Depends on your means to pay. Probably 10s. a month. 4. Yes. 5. No. They would be less if it is five days before time. 6. Yes, if you give notice to the Magistrate withdrawing the case when you settle.

TROD ON.—1. Regular scale costs. 2. Depends; he might employ counsel. 3. You might persuade the judge to make it so much a month. 4. Yes, pay the amount into court at once, you'll have to pay that much in the end. 5. If he has leased it for two years they cannot be illegitimate. You probably would not be punished for bigamy under the circumstances.

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WAX.—1. No, you cannot. 2. The thing must be properly done in appointed way. 3. Yes. 4. Yes, if formal procedure complied with. 5. Yes. 6 and 7. You would have to make your own inquiries.

FLIP-FLAP.—The will would probably be litigated for the court to interpret it, but under the circumstances stated it is most probable that the grand children would get nothing. Better get the testatrix to make a codicil.

VEXATOR.—Yes, but you had better get a solicitor to help you. They will probably pay. 2. It won't get your money back, and will cost you something. Why bother? 3. If they do plead it, send all particulars to Public Prosecutor.

CHISOL.—1. Not absolutely necessary if the "foot note" (as you call it) is really a part of the agreement; but better communicate in case of accident. 2. No particular length of notice to be given.

SPARKHILL.—There is no such law. He can marry if he likes to take the risk of the marriage being illegal and his children by it illegitimate if his first wife proves to be alive, but he is not liable to prosecution for bigamy on facts stated.

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SIR RICHARD ESCOMBE.

A Romance. . . By MAX PEMBERTON.

CHAPTER XL.

THERE IS AN ALTERNATIVE.

A hush fell upon the room but did not long endure. Tobias, driven to an extremity of fear, commanded that the outer gate should be barred, forgetting that Medmenham Abbey could be entered by resolute men through half a dozen gates. As for the others, they drew aside together in a little group about my lord's couch and began to speak in whispers. And then, and then only, Kitty ran to Sir Richard's side.

How many months had passed since she had spoken as her heart would speak to the Dick she loved! That fateful visit to London, the trick they had played upon him at Northumberland House, the visit to Brighton and the shame they had put upon her—she could recall these episodes as in a flash of the memory and ask what fruit must come of them. Inscrutable, indeed, this lover of hers, who now regarded her with wan eyes, yet so gently and with so much kindness in every gesture that she would gladly have laid her head upon his breast and there have buried all the past in one glad moment of repentance and of sweet confession. Circumstances forbade her any such haven of her love. She could but creep close to Dick and speak a swift word to him.

"Dick, what is it that keeps you here?"

"A rogue's trap, Kitty, and the key I cannot find."

"Has not the King sent me to you?"

"Can any King, then, seal their lips? Would you have them crying the story to all the town to-morrow? Shall I be able to answer that?"

"If a woman's love cannot answer it, Sir Richard."

"Ay, 'twould be the sweetest story in the world——"

"And if it be not told—if I go to the King?——"

"Say to him that the way was dark, I could see no light anywhere. Will ye tell the King that, Kitty?"

"Oh, Dick, Dick, for God's sake, hear reason——"

"I am all ears, sweet Kitty, as those gentlemen yonder. See how ill they dance to the music. 'Tis the Marquis of Repton surely, and the dragoons at the gate. Let him speak for me. He has a voice that a man should hear——"

"But, Dick, when I tell you——"

"Ye can tell me nothing, sweetheart, that my love does not surely tell me, and ye hear them. 'Tis a way of knocking they have when the house will not open. Let Repton speak. He may bring good news even yet——"

He stepped back, for the scene moved him strangely. Clearly to be perceived now in the gardens and the glades were the scarlet-coated dragoons, dismounted from their horses and approaching the house as though it had been a fort. The great door itself resounded to the heavy blows upon it. Then a voice was heard, the curtain of the sanctum sanctorum fell back and the Marquis of Repton stood before the company.

"Gentlemen," he said, "I am here in the King's name."

The men drew closer together, some feeling for their swords, one or two laughing foolishly. As for my lord he lay back upon the great crimson couch muttering as one in a frenzy those words he had never forgotten from the beginning. "The penalty!" Should Richard Escombe escape him—he who stood already in the valley of the shadow of death? And was this the end of that house of infamy where so many scenes of his eventful life had been played? Were the walls to be stripped, the doors thrown open to the world? Such a man as he could plainly perceive with what little skill he had played his cards against so redoubtable an antagonist. Desire for revenge had almost given place to a helpless submission to destiny. Richard Escombe seemed to mock him as he lay. A sense of failure irredeemable abased him utterly. Good God, that men should tell of such a death and such a victory!

"Gentlemen," says the Marquis very bluntly, "I am here at the King's command—either to learn that Sir Richard Escombe is satisfied with the treatment he has met with at your hands or to carry you all to Windsor. Let Sir Richard first answer me."

He turned to Escombe, silencing with a gesture some who would have put in their word. And he was answered as swiftly.

"I leave this club," said Sir Richard quietly, "when the rule permits me to do so."

"The King knows nothing of rules, Sir Richard. Is that your final word, sir?"

"My final word."

"Then, gentlemen, according to my orders——"

He turned to summon the soldiers in. The moment was tragical enough. Shall we wonder that Tobias, the chaplain, suddenly found his tongue and spoke almost triumphantly. Fool that he had been—ignoramus and a blunderer; he who should have united the creed of Medmenham without a trip.

"One moment, for God's sake, sir," cried he, "one moment that I may speak to Sir Richard Escombe before any step is taken that both he and his Majesty might regret."

"I will give you exactly five minutes," says Repton, and upon that he turned about and left the room.

And what had the portly Tobias to say when he was gone? Picture him searching the pages of the great Book as though some treasure of a line were buried there and monstrous hands must unearth it. Had not a glimmering of an idea come to Tobias—a flash in a dull cranium; the memory of something that had happened and been forgotten long ago, but, being remembered, might make for their salvation.

"Gentlemen," he protested at last, the beads of perspiration rolling down his fat face, his hand trembling with excitement—"Brother Whitwould has whispered something in my ear which should have been said an hour ago. The rule of which we speak was amended after Mr. Fenton's death; circumstance has brought the fact to my recollection this very moment. There is, gentlemen, an alternative."

So here it was then. Here was the splendid secret which could bring men to attention once more, recall my lord from his frenzy, set Kitty's heart beating. An alternative to their infamous rule. Twenty voices greeted the intimation with ringing shout. Even the dragoons without were made to understand that their opportunities would be few.

"Read it, chaplain—for God's sake!"

"Out with it, old Tobias!"

"The alternative."

"Read it man."

He climbed to the rostrum, pushed back now to an obscure corner; as for a brief instant his face were just such an expression as had passed over it last night in the more exquisite moments of his authority. Odd that in this crisis the old habits should sit so easily upon Tobias Cambray, and yet we remember that the abbey was his very home, its life his life, its salvation his salvation. And there he stood, for the last time, the Master of the Revels, the chaplain of monstrous rights telling the cowed group about him in what manner they might escape the King's displeasure.

"There is an alternative, as I say, brethren. When Mr. Fenton, a man of honour, submitted to the misfortune he himself had brought upon our society, there were some who considered our rule should be amended. We desire nothing but the welfare of this community. We would hinder no man's lawful pleasure or set ourselves up as any man's judge. The very words we write above our portals are witnesses to that. Fay ce que voudras. Let your pleasure be your own, but stand between no man and his intention—unless, brethren, and this brings me to the point of it, unless you shall be of a mind to marry the lady before twenty-four hours have passed. That is Mr. Wilkes' own provision. I will confess that I had not recollected it in this present instance, nor even now am I able to say to you that it will be an alternative acceptable to the parties. But, gentlemen, if it were so, much that may happen to all of us may be avoided—much may be done to win the King's favour and stand where we have stood before. Let Sir Richard Escombe, then, say how it shall be. He is one of us and would bring no unmerited fortune upon this fraternity. The law permits him to go from this house with his honour unstained, a man among men, honoured for his courage and his fidelity to our rules. Let him say if this be not enough. Let him agree with Lord Repton when the appointed time shall have come."

He spoke with real feeling, from his very heart. Let Medmenham Abbey be saved and the old life might be resumed—the nights of fierce debauch; the days of slumber by the quiet river; the mad scenes of carousal on the roads; the coming and going of gallants; the music of women's voices. Oh, be sure Tobias was eloquent in his advocacy. The club! It was all he had in the world. And what had Richard Escombe, what had Kitty to say to him? Behold the sudden flash of colour upon those pale and drooping cheeks. Watch the man as he stands irresolute, but turns upon Kitty such a burning glance that she cannot face it unabashed. His wife! Kitty Dulcimore his wife! And upon such a scene as this, in such an hour of victory! Oh, let Richard Escombe speak, for all the room waited for his words.

"I know not of your rule," he said very quietly, "it is scarcely mine to speak of it. Let Miss Dulcimore say if she will help me to your alternative?"

"Nay," says Kitty, holding out both her arms, "you must help yourself, Sir Richard."

Tobias Cambray, lumbering down heavily from the rostrum, had still a word to say for his own character.

"Sir Richard Escombe," cries he, "though you may have forgotten the fact, and, I'll not deny, it is a fact that some will overlook even in such a house as this, I am still an ordained minister of the Church of England as by law established and can do this office for ye as well as any in Buckinghamshire. Let it be done and that, I take it, is a sufficient answer to his Majesty the King. There is yonder that which used to be the Chapel of the House. Let Lord Repton witness the ceremony with his own eyes, and he shall answer for it."

And then to Kitty and speaking very quickly, he said:—

"Lady, let your word be for this. I beg of you, in the name of all, help me to send the tidings to the King."

CHAPTER XLI.

TOWARDS THE HOUR OF SUNSET.

It was six o'clock by Medmenham Church when the dragoons set out to return to Windsor—some ten minutes later when Kitty and Dick, riding the horses which Barry had found for them, followed after, without so much as a single question between them, one thought of their journey or its destination.

They were man and wife. In the old ruined Chapel before a crumbling altar of the ancient faith Tobias Cambray had read the office and written the decree. With Lord Repton for witness, a troop of dragoons to stand a guard of honour, the mischief had been done, the fatal words for ever spoken. She was his wife—little Kitty Dulcimore whom he had loved from the beginning, who, as a child, had been all to him that the world had to give.

And was not this a thing worthy of Medmenham and its traditions? Many years must have passed since a man who loved a woman truly had entered that little chapel and declared his heart before God's altar. The day had been far distant when such a bride as Kitty Dulcimore had laid her hand upon a lover's arm and bent her head to willing submission.

Hereafter the tale might be told by many; but not by some of those who played so great a part in it. My lord, in truth, knew as well as any man that the Society of St. Francis was no more; its revels for ever ended; its glory fallen. Carouse as the others would in mock derision, the spirit of license had fled; the heart gone out of it. Even old Tobias could persuade no man to a second bottle when the work was done. The very servants fled from my lord's couch and left him to the chaplain's care—two who had contrived much and lost all; two keeping the vigil wearily through the long night and awakening to the truth—that this was the end, this the hour irrevocable.

They carried my lord to the house by Jordans the next day and there the door shut upon the mystery of his life and of the mad woman who waited for him. Never again was it opened until his death. None had the curiosity to pry further into that sordid story or to ask what chapter of shame it opened anew. The man disappeared from that world wherein he had lived so ill—none lamenting him; his very name forgotten; his honours perishing with him.

Not even Tobias Cambray, minister of religion and master of the revels, found the old abbey any longer a haven or had any desire to revisit it. Tobias, indeed, quitted England within the month and took ship for America. There be some who say that a certain inn near Philadelphia named first after George and then re-christened in honour of General Washington was kept by an ex-parson with a fabulous habit of drinking and a mighty red nose.

This was not to be inquired into closely, for who is interested in any record that is not writ upon the roll at Medmenham, imperishable and forgotten?

Immaterial, indeed. Our place is upon the Windsor road, where Kitty and Dick ride side by side, by which they know not whither. An hour ago they were as very strangers in the formality of their talk, the ceremony of their greetings. Now, he looks down proudly upon her and says that she is his wife.

Ah, figure of his dreams, his wife—the little Kitty of long ago, with the flaming cheeks and the pouting lips and the bluest of blue eyes. Kitty, whose curls ripple about her pretty forehead as wayward threads from a golden skein; whose hand lies so softly upon the bridle rein; whose little feet peep out beneath her petticoats, as though to hide them longer were a sin. And she is his wife! Neither protest of his love nor defence of his acts shall be needed any longer. The House Infamous has spoken for him. He has taken the treasure of life therefrom and will guard it evermore. These were Richard Escombe's thoughts. But who would dare to speak of Kitty's?

Of what does a young girl think in these first sweet hours of her married life? Who shall read her heart aright? Kitty would have admitted to nothing serious. This great big man on the horse beside her, this fellow whose voice could be so musical in her ears, whose powerful hand caught hers as in a vice, whose eyes seemed to read her very heart, was he not the Dick Escombe who had been her playmate in the North, oh so many years ago? Could she possibly be afraid of him? Odds' truth, the wooing had been strange enough, for never but upon that unhappy night at Sherbourn had Dick spoken openly to her of love; and here they were, knotted as truly as though a bench of bishops had done it and the Pope of Rome added his blessing. And they were riding demurely upon the road to Windsor, just as forgetful of those who belonged to them, of common duties and the common day as Puck in a forest of the fairies.

"You will be riding straight on to Windsor, Sir Richard?" Kitty asked him at last.

Dick looked up and perceived where they were.

"'Tis Marlow, surely, and your aunt's house. Was it at Marlow you left her, Kitty?"

"At Windsor, Sir Richard."

"Then at Windsor we will find her. Would ye be deserting the poor old lady, Kitty. A shame on the thought! Let's have the news of her and then ride on. 'Twill be dark before we see the castle walls. Ay, Kitty, you'd never wish to be riding in the dark after sunset—with such a rascal as Richard Escombe."

She changed colour, but would deny him nothing. The servants at her aunt's house had no news whatever of Elizabeth. Their mistress was at Windsor still for aught they knew—nor were they in any way surprised that Kitty should be returning, though the kitchen had many a quip when the pair had set off. There was delay here, but for Kitty to get her own clothes and the horse she had always ridden.

"You would not have me play mine host's daughter any longer?" she said to him.

He told her that it mattered not.

"Am I not beholden to that same young lady to my life's end? 'Tis this very night I will hang a gold chain about her neck. Barry's gone forward to make all ready for us, Kitty. Ye'll not forget that some will be anxious about our comings and our goings—though God knows I care but little for what any man say of me. Let Repton make a tale for the King's ear, and, Kitty, they'll think we are lying at Marlow if we delay."

"That we are lying——"

"Would ye run away from me now, Kitty?"

She knew not how to answer him. This was a question she had begun to fear—and yet with a heart that warmed to her fear and wooed it. Just as he professed indifference so did Kitty begin to perceive that all else was immaterial but his presence and his love. Not for all that the world could have given her, not for place, or power, or riches would she have quitted Richard Escombe's side again. And yet she could hardly believe in the reality of his possession—that she was his own and that Tobias Cambray had as surely robbed her of her freedom and her name as the King's bishop himself could have done.

Dusk had fallen while they were at Elizabeth's house. A fleece of misty clouds drifted up from the river and forced them to take the higher road. Here all the glory and warmth of an autumn evening solaced them. They went in good content through the quiet villages, speaking but rare words and those somewhat inconsequent. When Dick's horse fell lame and he must dismount to pull a nail from its shoe Kitty was not sorry to rest. A sentinel of their good fortune determined that it should be upon the border of a little mossy wood, remote and lonely and rich with its heritage of oaks.

Hither, just as though it were already agreed between them, Dick led Kitty by the hand and sat a little while watching the falling shadows. A reluctance to return to the world of men and things came naturally to them both. They had lost a sense of time and space—the scene drew them together with a magnetism of atmosphere and circumstance irresistible. Who shall wonder that convention went to the winds now—nay, Dick had caught her to him and half blinded her by his kisses before any word was spoken there at all.

"My wife; my little wife!"

(To be Concluded Next Week).

"My wife; my little wife!"

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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FINANCIAL.

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RED (Horwich).—Sorry, don't know.
C. L. (Brigg).—Very doubtful.
G. B. Y. (York).—Apply to the secretary.
FOOTBALL.—Yes, that is what is meant.
FOLEY.—You make no alternative suggestion. What do you think yourself?
DAISA (Cape Town).—We can't know enough of the people named to be able to advise.
INTERESTED (Colchester).—I have always heard that they treat their clients well.
CIPHER (Kensington).—Nile Valleys appear a promising gamble at their present price.
Q. Q. Q. (Clapton).—Yes, I think the exchange ought to be made what advantage.
PROPERTY (Rediand).—Not an investment I care about. Should transfer into something else, as you appear able to do so without loss.
DEVONSHIRE LASS (Buckfastleigh). — Hold your Anglo-French. Do not see much attraction in Chartereds.
LOFOS (Guernsey). — Am not sufficiently well acquainted with the bank's commercial standing to be able to recommended it.
RAT-CATCHER (Cheltenham).—Know nothing about it. Send me some of the society's literature.
LIL (Guernsey).—Have seen no public intimation of the fact, but in view of the communication you have received I am afraid there can be little doubt that the scheme will fall.
DEVONSHIRE (Coniston).—I have handed your letter to a member of the London Stock Exchange to make inquiries about both companies and advise you.
CURIOSO (Stroud).—The company is not registered under the Companies' Acts, but I have never heard that it is not able to carry out its engagements.
J. B. (Bricksend).—I have heard nothing disturbing as to the particular insurance company you name, and I think you might proceed with safety.
KERR (Isleworth).—The explanation is the keen and unrestricted competition in the mantle trade. Do not see any immediate advantage in averaging.
CAMIS (Plymouth).—Ordinary shares in hotel companies are not speculative counters. In the case you mention I do not see much good to be gained by averaging. The London hotels are not likely to enjoy so good a year in 1909 as they have had this.
NORART (Leicester).—1. No, there is nothing to choose between the two Canadian shares. One is about as good as the other. 2. Nile Valleys are the best on your list of cheap shares.
SAFETY (Teddington).—It is a bank which I do not recommend for the purpose for the name. The higher the return the greater the risk is an axiom which nearly always applies. There are cheaper banks.
COGGORDIA.—The rate per ton in which the Sierra-gallia (Colombia) Railway Co. was engaged terminated long ago, and the company has never been able to recommence dividends. That just declared is one of 2 per cent.
C. T. (Dewsbury).—The terms offered are scarcely good enough. If you choose, I might be able to recommend an insurance office which rather specialises in endowment policies, and might be able to do better for you.
BUNTING (Colombo Ceylon).—The War Loan is an issue of £30,000,000 2½ per Cent. Stock, described in bonds to bearer, issued in 1900. It is to be repaid in 1910, and interest is payable in January, April, July and October.
SHELLEY.—I do not think you could get foreign any more than the insurance company could in 1875 that it would be possible to reduce the interest, but I fear you will have to stand by your original bargain.
THAMES BANK (Deptford).—If this is a form of investment in which you will not depart from I think it would be safe enough to increase your deposit with the building society you name. I do not know anything of its financial position.
E. M. B. (Weston-Super-Mare). — East Rands, Knights Central, Witwatersrand Deep, Simmer and Jack, North Randfontein, and Van Ryn may all be recommended. If you seek "the Financial News" daily you would be able to follow fluctuations in price.
PIVENSEY (Tooting).—The society to say registered under the Companies' Acts or the Friendly Societies' Acts, so it is impossible to tell you what its financial position is, I understand, however, that it is doing good business, and is able to meet its engagements.
PRESCIENCE (Bournemouth). — The ordinary shares are speculative. You did not mention your holding of the Preference, and if they improve on its rejection I should feel inclined to get out of them and exchange for something safer.
SUSALTERN (Aldershot).—The last issue of the London edition of the South African Mining Journal (17, Finsbury Pavement, E.C.) contains an article on "The French Rand Mystery," which rather explains things. I have no space to reproduce it.
CAUTIOUS (Shepherd's Bush).—1. I don't know what you mean by "credit in law." If you mean "on the terms mentioned" then you call the stock, pay on it and take it up, you to do so at the premium or option dealers to cover themselves to the extent of one-half.
BALL.—I have "dropped" overs and overs against buying Premium Bonds. I cannot say how you can ascertain when drawings take place and the rules of your members. You bought from a member, and I should realise what you be done with them. They are a nuisance at the best.
ANXIOUS (Tunbridge).—Have you written to the Secretary and asked them when they hope to repay? I should think there will be no difficulty over paying the amounts of the policy. Write the Secretary, saying that you are anxious to know what they will do when the time comes to draw the money.
DEVON JACK (Tunbridge).—1. Do not recommend a deposit with the bank you name. 2. The Gold Storage Shares have suffered from very bad trade. There do not appear to be any dealings in those you hold, so cannot say what they are worth. You had better re-ain for the present, and so a suitable opportunity presenting "sell or get rid of them."
BRIDGET (Bridestowe).—If you are correct in your assumption that the Corporation had caused business when your money was sent, one would have thought that it might have been returned forthwith. This, no doubt, would have been done if there had not been some very real legal obstacle in the way. I am afraid that you can only wait now.
A. P. (Wycombe Marsh).—1. You can only find out by communicating with the liquidator of the company. 2. The Inter-Oceanic of Mexico is very much alive. Are your shares ordinary shares? Communicate with the Secretary, Mr. C. E. Beraby, at the offices of the company, Dashwood House, Old Broad-st., London, E.C. He will, doubtless, give you all information.
N. DEVON (Plymouth).—They have the unreserved guarantee of the Chinese Government as to principal and interest. National loans are specifically charged upon customs and railway loans are a first mortgage on the particular lines to which they refer. The interest is payable half-yearly, and the coupons collected here or only at the London and Yorkish Bank. The difference in price is accounted for merely by popular taste. There is a fashion in loans, as in everything else.
EVERSHOT (Redlington) and C. A. (Whitstable) and others.—I understand the fact to be that certain Lake of Kanagawa railways were circulated as to the position of the firm some little time back, which produced a certain amount of pressure and caused a run upon the concern. I am informed it has been easily surmounted, but the detail leger and other clerical work of the establishment has got somewhat in arrear. This has now being rapidly overtaken, and I do not think you need be under any apprehension. I am concerned in the opinion by the fact that other correspondents who wrote me on the same matter have since written to say that matters have been put in order.
METRO (Clifton).—An option is a gamble. You give a dealer £1 for the right to call a share at the market price of the day any time within an agreed period. You stake £1 for the chance that the price will rise by more than that much, and more; the dealer takes your money and lays against you. If you are right you call him and get £1 (until then) and what-ever profit there may be above the option price. If you are wrong you do not call them, and you lose your £1. Should you know your loss, however, you can sell your option to the dealer. One great advantage of option dealer over carrying shares on some bookmaker is that you know your loss. However rotten the market goes you cannot lose more than you paid for the option.

NATURAL HISTORY.

A TWELVE YEARS' READER.—Your informant is correct. The period mentioned is period of gestation in elephant.
MRS. BAKER.—They are not often caged, but one has lived at the Zoo, I believe, over four years.
POLLY.—Spray with solution of quassia chips. Give swing, ivory ring or cotton reel to play with.
CAGE-BIRD.—Keep in an even temperature—not too warm. Give a few shreds of saffron and add a little nitre to water. Give a cuttle fish bone to gnaw.
GOLDIE.—I do not think there is much the matter with fish. Besides the eggs I should throw sparingly into the water a little finely crumbled vermicelli.
R. O. S.—Feed on raw meat and fish with bones. Give water instead of milk. Try sores as advised "Stanham Poodle," only reducing oil, etc., to half quantity.
T. WILLIAMS and PRINCE.—Try same remedy advised "Blenheim Poodle." If in "Prince's" case this does not produce satisfactory result, take to vet. for examination.
BLENHEIM POODLE. — Bleed. Give low diet and plenty of exercise. Give occasionally a dessertspoonful of castor oil, 5 parts; syrup of buckthorn, 2 parts, and syrup of poppies, 1 part. Bathe in solution of Izal Veterinary Fluid.
C. E. BURDOCK.—Is curable, though a most hereditary. The size of the pen you have seen sing is good; you can add a little glycerine. I should, however, do same as advised "Blenheim Poodle," bathing one will inside and out with Izal.
VIC.—Give as nourishing and tasty nutriment food as possible, with plenty of gentle exercise. Rub the limbs well daily with Sloan's Veterinary Embrocation. If this does not produce desired effect, should take to a vet.
A. MULLINWOOD.—Should hibernate during last winter. Place in a box of leaves in cool place and will require no further attention until the spring. If kept in the warm it must be fed—cabbage leaves, lettuce, a little bread and milk. Drinking water should be given.
GLAPHARITE.—Will eat practically any green stuff, and if this is given must really do not require water; but as the cage is dry should always have some for them. Should certainly take male away for a short time. Young may be weaned on bread and milk after two or three weeks.
BUSY BEE.—During the winter will hibernate, and for this purpose some pieces of cork or dung moss should be placed in the vivarium. The vivarium should be kept in a cool place. If kept in the warm, however, they will require some food as during summer—mealworms, earthworms, flies, etc.

SPORTING.

RELIANT (Stockfield).—I know little about whippet racing, but will see the fixtures mentioned in the sporting papers.
NEW FOREST (Lyndhurst).—I do not know the firm, but would strongly advise you not to deal and run risks.
WALTER GOODEVE (Bermondsey). — You must judge for yourself which is the [illegible]urite; the prices, of course, vary.
SWINDONIAN.—I believe only once, in America, but I am not a book of records as regards wrestling.
TUPTON (Chesterfield).—There are five classic races—the Two Thousand Guineas, One Thousand Guineas, the Derby, the Oaks, and the St. Leger.
ACOCK'S GREEN (Birmingham).—The horse was certainly 100 yards behind within three furlongs from home, although not actually last. He was a very bad fourth when the leader was 100 yards from home.

PHOTOGRAPHY.

METOL CHEMICUS.—See "Camera" notes.
PAINT BOX.—We do not know of any other work on the subject. Write to Gunther Wagner, 80, Milton-st., London, E.C., who will furnish you with full particulars.

LOST AND FOUND.

[We cannot undertake to receive answers save at "The People." Inquirers who do not give their own addresses, should look for answers under the head of "Found." It is best in all cases for inquirers to append their addresses, as any replies may go to them direct. Readers are particularly advised not to send money to persons applying at this column until they have definitely ascertained that the applicants are the persons actually sought for.]

MISSING.

SCANLAN, JOHN.—Army state relationship. See Times.
ARKLIN, WILLIAM JAMES.—Last heard of 20 years ago. Invalid sock.—Thomas Arkin, c.o. Mr. Bingham, 1, Queen-st., Gateshead, Durham.
BRAMHAM, MARY ANN.—Left Kensington, 1884; went to America. Cousin Mary seeks.—Mrs. M. Brown, London-road, Mayfield, Sussex.
POWELL, EMMA (native of Hampton, Ohio).—Last heard of August, 1899 at Onyogamah, New South Wales, Australia. Cousin Wilfred inquires.—W. Hall, The Marsh, Wansford, Wilts.
WHITE, CHARLES HENRY.—Last heard of at Smithfield, Newcastle, November, 1902. Mrs. Squires.—Mrs. White, c.o. Webber, 111 and 112, High-st., Whitechapel.
ROBINSON, FREDERICK JOSEPH.—Last heard of at Wolverhampton about 9 years since. Nephew inquires.—William Valentine Robinson, Bells Hill, Barnet, Herts.
MOTTLEY, GEORGE.—Left Nottingham in 1879. Sister Phœbe, dying of cancer, seeks. Brother Harry dead.—Mrs. F. Briggs, 7, Stanley-terrace, Kirkstall-rd., Leeds.
RALPH, A. C.—Formerly Sergeant R.A.M.C.; last heard of from Steenkoolstein, South Africa, 1903. Established 1st Life Guards, 1902. Brother Bill inquires.—W. Hands, 102, Aylward-st., Brighton.
LORD, MRS. (maiden name Lucy Sullivan).—Last heard of in 1874 at Taunton, Somersetshire. Friend inquires.—Mrs. Lockwood, Mansfield-st., Queen, Loughborough.
BEACH, GEORGE.—Formerly of Wandsworth, last heard of 14 months ago. Wife anxiously inquiring.—Mrs. J. Beach, 53, St. Peter's-place, Kennington-lane, Vauxhall.
WILLIAMS, WILLIAM CLAUDE and CLARA JANE.—Left Wales for Canada about 53 years ago. Brother Harry and sister Rose seek.—Harry Williams, 15, South Church-st., Cardiff.
OSBORNE, JOHN.—Last heard of in Chicago, U.S.A., about 14 years ago. Sisters Kate and Sarah seek.—Mrs. R. Thorpe, 41, Quebec-st., East Dereham, Norfolk.
WELLING, THOMAS CHRISTOPHER.—Last heard of at Leeds 6 or 7 years ago. Brother George seeks.—George Welling, 40, Bloomsbury-rd., New Swindon, Wilts.
JONES, M. A.—Medical and surgical nurse; last heard of at St. Leonards-on-Sea 29 years ago. Brother Benjamin inquires.—Temple Court, The Star, Redcliff Hill, Bristol.
MUSSET, GEORGE EDWARD.—Last heard from at 45, Pembroke-road, Victoria, in 1902. Was supposed to have been on night work. Brother Tom seeks.—T. Musset, Minnera, G. Clark and Sons, Limited, Wine Merchants, Milford Docks, Pembroke.
FOURNIN, JEAN (and family).—Last heard from, Brooklyn, 1903. Sister inquires.—Mrs. Taylor, 3, Andrew Villas, Tufnell-rd., Holloway.
WILSON, R.S. Forsyth and Colonial papers please copy.
COX, LAURA (maiden name).—Married in June or July, 1900; then living with widowed father, Vickers, dressmaker, 188, Vincent-rd., Sheffield; married name not known. Brother Tom seeks.—Mr. T. F. Quenault, Swinden, Wigan.
TURWELL, MRS. (formerly Clara M. Alford).—Last heard of as leaving London for Toronto, Oct. 4th, 1907. Mother seeks.—Mrs. Alford, 2, Bolton Cottages, The Greenaway, Uxbridge, Middlesex.
HOWES, GEORGE FREDERICK.—Last heard of 12 months ago, December, 1907. Was then in London, Ontario, Canada. Uncle Anthony inquires.—A. Strange, Gasfitter, 55, Henley-st., Regent-st., Oxford.
WOODLEY, H. [relations of].—Not heard of for the last 15 years; last seen at Torquay. Son of T. W. Verney, of Devonshire, inquires.—W. H. Verney, c.o. P.O., Box 54, Port Elizabeth, South Africa.
BLANCH, RHODA and THOMAS.—Left Gilford Green, Gloucestershire, South Wales, 25 years ago for West Ham. Cousin Nancy, Ham, Alverton, Nicey Pellis inquires.—Mrs. Sophia Ann Blanch, 6d, Ridgwell-rd., Forest Gate, London, E.W.

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MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

THE WEEK'S ENTERTAINMENTS.

KINGSWAY.

"GRIT."

"Grit," the new play by a new author, Mr. Herman Chilton, which has superseded "The Sway Boat" at the playhouse pleasantly identified with Miss Lena Ashwell, depends for its interest, in common with so many pieces of which "The Ironmaster" is a notable example, upon a social clash brought about by Sir Thomas Ransome, an eccentric testator, who bequeaths his considerable fortune equally between Jim Barr, a homely journeyman carpenter who once saved his life, and Edith Winter, child of an old friend, the absolute condition of their heritage being the marriage of the refined lady with the brusque artisan. To qualify for the fortune the legatees, despite their natural antipathy for each other, go through the form of wedlock, but only to dwell in the same domicile apart. When the ill-mated couple chance to meet bickerings over their detested tie ensue, which become intensified on the husband discovering that his wife still receives the attentions of Dick Travers, a prenuptial admirer, with whom she trifles time by dallying in a careless but not criminal flirtation. Dismissed at last by the lady, her lover, instead of quitting the house, conceals himself in her boudoir, where, after her indignant rejection of his proposal for their elopement, he is found and ignominiously expelled by Barr. Edith makes a clean breast of what has occurred to her husband, who for his part informs her of his having just unearthed from a secret cupboard a new will cancelling the legacy to himself and bequeathing her the entire fortune. Not to be outdone in generosity Edith burns the will enriching her by impoverishing her husband, whereupon under a revulsion of feeling as strange as it is sudden, the semi-detached couple find their mutual antipathy changed into marital affection and rush into each other's arms.

"Grit," crude as it is both in conception and construction, is not without scenes appealing to the emotions of that considerable portion of a theatrical audience whose pleasure lies in feeling without thinking.

Miss Ashwell makes the most of a part unsympathetic in its inconsistency. Mr. Norman McKinnel, better furnished, stamps the character of Jim Barr with an individuality forcibly indicative of the shy but downright journeyman carpenter, and Mr. C. M. Hallard acts with sincerity as the would-be woman wrecker, Travers. Mr. Denis Eadie and Miss Kate Rorke stood out markedly in the cast as a middle-aged couple, and two children were played with natural liveliness by Mercia Vaucelle and Olivia.

LYRIC.

"KING HENRY V."—A GRAND SHAKSPEREAN REVIVAL.

The plays of the Master Dramatist might be summarised either by the principles or the motives they evolve. "Romeo and Juliet" breathes love, "The Merchant of Venice" hate, "Hamlet" vengeance, "King Lear" ingratitude, and so on; but "King Henry V." is the play of all others which not only exemplifies but actually inspires the exalted sentiment of patriotism. As the champion soldier of mediæval England, the hero of Agincourt eclipses in historic renown not only Richard Cœur de Lion but his own great uncle the Black Prince. Accordingly it is the brightest artistic plume in the cap of Mr. Lewis Waller that he rises to the height of this great argument by his capable assumption of the noblest of our Plantagenet kings. Now for the third time, through a long series of years, Mr. Waller represents the ideal patriot, both in personal presence and pathetic emotion, showing, as years and experience have ripened his histrionic powers, an advance alike in picturesqueness and passionate expression. Where progress is less evident is in any keener display of humour in the King's wit encounters with Fluellen, Pistol, and Williams, and still more particularly in his lively wooing scene with the French Princess Katharine. Through the serious scenes the dignity of Royal indignation was shown in the dignant answer given to the French King's insult. In the stirring appeal to the soldiers, "Once more to the breach, dear friends," and the high-souled generous rebuke to his faint-hearted cousin Westmorland, also in the encouraging speech, "Who's he that asketh for more men from England?" Mr. Waller's declamation sounded the ringing war note of regal authority indicating the born leader of men. In the long list of players the one giving the truest cadence and most spirited and varied expression to Shakspere's glowing verse was Mr. Halliwell Hobbes, as Montjoy, the French herald, through his delivering of the Dauphin's mocking message to King Henry. The general cast of the play was satisfactory, though it must be said that the comedians bore away the palm. Notably Mr. A. E. George gave a sterling Welsh personality to the testy humour of Fluellen, and Mr. Louis Calvert offered, in make-up, strident voice, and swaggering gesture, a broadly humorous portrayal of the blustering craven, Pistol. Both Nym, too, and the "Boy" were well individualised by Mr. A. P. Thompson and Master Harry Duff. Miss Hazel Thompson presented a rather weak French Princess Katharine, pleasant to see but hard to hear. The Dame Quickly of Miss Minnie Griffin was indistinct of utterance, as well as over-lachrymose in her delivery of the famous passage descriptive of the death of Falstaff. Miss Fay Davis, making a welcome return to England, after a long absence, showed as Chorus how her powers of declamation have ripened into eloquence by practice in the stage of her own country.

The stage setting in its sumptuary picturesqueness was worthy of the play. In the armament of the English, however, the absence of any soldiers carrying bows and crossbows was made the more evident by reason of the battle of Agincourt having, as history records, been mainly won by the archers' arrows blinding the French host huddled together in the morass.

The revival evoked enthusiastic applause, mainly bestowed upon Mr. Waller, who, summoned again and again, finally dismissed the long-lingering audience with the simple words: "I thank you, thank you, thank you."

CORONET.

"THE MAN FROM MEXICO."

Coming to England with good credentials, having had a run of over 2,000 nights in America and Australia, we may, from the reception accorded the piece at the Coronet, prophesy that it will delight many an English audience. The plot—or series of plots, rather—is not only complicated, but funny to a degree. The play turns on the mistakes of a night. Benjamin Fitzhugh happens to be in a restaurant of doubtful character at the time of a midnight raid, and gets arrested, with the result that he is sentenced to 30 days' imprisonment. It is a sentence that has to be served, and Fitzhugh causes it to be made known to his wife that he has been called away to Mexico. Of course, he is doing his time.

The second act shows Fitzhugh in prison, which is distinctly an American institution—a kind of Liberty Hall, where the prisoners do pretty much as they like. The Warden has fallen in love with Fitzhugh's wife, on the strength of a portrait which has reached him through an actress who had received it from Fitzhugh. Then Mrs. Fitzhugh, who had followed her husband to the restaurant thickly veiled, narrowly escapes being herself locked up, and so on.

To Mr. Stanley Cook's unflagging zeal as the man from Mexico is largely due the success of the piece, and he is ably supported by his friend, Mr. George Willoughby; and Mr. Walter Guy (the Warden), Mr. Fred Lewis, and Mr. Ernest Douglas. Miss Emily Fitzroy, as the wife of Fitzhugh, does much to make the piece a success. There is no lack of excitement, if little coherence, and, taken altogether, the play is most enjoyable.

NEW THEATRE.

"DEIRDRE" AND "ELECTRA."

Mrs. Patrick Campbell on Friday started the first of a series of matinees, to be repeated every alternate Friday and Tuesday up to Dec. 11, as well as on the Thursday preceding the last of them. These performances are given for the special purpose of introducing a couple of new one-act plays in which Mrs. Campbell sustains the leading parts. One of the pieces, entitled "Deirdre," written by Mr. W. B. Yeats, is founded on an ancient Irish legend; the other, called "Electra," adapted from a German source by Mr. Arthur Symons, recites anew the terrible Greek tragedy derived and condensed collectively from Æschylus, Sophocles, and Euripides, of the murder of Agamemnon by his wife Clytemnestra, and the calamitous misery of her daughter Electra and her son Orestes at the duty imposed upon them by Fate of avenging their father by slaying their mother.

By her monotone of weird intensity, broken by flashes of tempestuous passion, the actress, alike in her impersonation of both heroines, romantic and classic, seemed to hypnotise the audience, drawn probably from that special section of the playgoing public assembled to watch and welcome their ideal tragic actress in her assumption of two fresh characters.

Though sapping full of horrors the visitors evidently enjoyed the feast, for they not only remained attentive with unabated appetite while it lasted, but applauded their favourite actress to the echo at the end of each play.

The one gleam of humour across the depressing gloom came when the author of "Deirdre" led on by Mrs. Campbell, and not being called on for a speech, addressed the house, cordially congratulating himself that the success as a dramatist he had waited for through years was achieved at last.

"A WHITE MAN" AT FULHAM.

Mr. Robert Arthur is to be congratulated on having secured so early in its provincial tour Mr. Herbert Sleath's principal company in Edwin Milton Royle's greatest success, "A White Man." This play recently terminated a prosperous run at the Lyric Theatre, previous to which it enjoyed an eight months' run at Wallack's Theatre, New York. One critic, in noticing the play, speaks of its author "as a pioneer who strikes the keynote to the salvation of decadent dramatic authorship and degenerated public taste." Mr. Herbert Sleath's company consists of over 35 English and American artists, with all the scenery, costumes, and properties from the Lyric. The visit to the Fulham Theatre is for six nights and a matinée on Wednesday.

MISCHA ELMAN AT QUEEN'S HALL.

Prior to his departure for America Mischa Elman bade farewell to his many admirers at an orchestral concert at Queen's Hall. Special interest was attached to the programme chosen, for Brahms's Concerto figured therein (and the young violinist's friends know how well he plays the work), and Kalinnikoo's Symphony in G minor was also accorded a place. There was, further, the Paganini Concerto in D to afford Elman the opportunity of displaying the great brilliancy of his technique. His playing of Brahms, however, was the great thing of the concert. It was a superb performance. Two other items were included in his selection—the Tschaikowsky's "Serenade Melancholique" and Wieniawski's "Air Souvenir de Moscow," both of which were played with great art, but they were completely overshadowed by the intellectual beauties of the former work. The London Symphony Orchestra, ably conducted by M. Mlynarski, obtained excellent performances of the Kalinnikof's Symphony, a work which deserves to be given more often, and of the Prelude and Liebestod from "Tristan."

NOTES AND NEWS.

THEATRES.

"The Last Judgment" (Spohr) will be sung at All Saints', Hatcham Park, S.E., on Sunday afternoon next, Dec. 6, at 3.15.

Mr. Percy Hutchison's "Peter's Mother" Company, with Miss Violet Ley in the title role, will be at the Crystal Palace this coming week.

The next play in which Miss Marie Tempest will be seen is by Mr. Somerset Maugham, and entitled "Penelope," a comedy in three acts.

"Pete" at the Lyceum reached its century performance last week, proving to be the first play of the current season to reach that end.

The Elephant and Castle this week will be visited by Messrs. Hardie and Von Leer's company in the drama, "The Lancashire Lass in London," by Arthur Shirley and Sutton Vane.

The West London Theatre, in Churchst., Edgware-rd., put up to auction last week, only resulted in a bid for £500. Bought in, the auctioneer stated that £5,000 might be worth his consideration.

Mr. Rbt. Arthur has arranged for the original Apollo Theatre company, including Dan Rolyat and Miss Florence Smithson, in "Tom Jones," to visit Kennington this week.

Mr. Robert Arthur's fifth annual pantomime, "Cinderella," by arrangement with Messrs. Ernest Stevens and R. C. Buchanan, is now in active preparation, and will be produced at the Fulham Theatre on Boxing Afternoon.

The popular musical play, "The Catch of the Season," is to be seen this week at the Shakespeare, Clapham Junction. During the past week crowded audiences have witnessed excellent performances of "When Knights Were Bold."

Jean Gerardy, who has returned to this country to fulfil a number of engagements, has just had conferred upon him the appointment of chief professor of the Liege Conservatoire, which is famous for the many great artists it has produced.

The Lord Chamberlain, taking example from the London County Council, who have sanctioned smoking in several of the theatres under their control, has circularised certain managers that he will not object if they permit the practice and their patrons desire the privilege.

On Monday next a new play by Mr. Gerald Lawrence, entitled "Into the Light," will be produced at the Court, in which Mr Lionel Brough will make his welcome reappearance in drama after his long illness. Other leading parts are taken by Mr. Fisher White, Mr. Lawrence and Miss Inescourt.

"Brewster's Millions," with Mr. Percy Hutchison and the entire original production, including the famous yacht scene, will be at the Coronet Theatre this week. This is the 36th play produced by Miss Emma Hutchison and Mr. Percy Hutchison during 21 years of management.

On the invitation of the committee now sitting at Southwark Cathedral, Mr. Forbes Robertson has promised to deliver from its lectern the Shakspearean Oration, to form the chief feature of the service on the occasion. No sermon will be given, only an anthem chanted, a psalm, and a choral setting of a passage from Shakspere.

At the end of next February Mrs. D'Oyly Carte retires from her tenancy of the Savoy Theatre, after a service of 30 years. The revival of "The Pirates of Penzance," on the coming Tuesday, will be the seventh and probably the last reproduction by Mrs. Carte of the Gilbert-Sullivan operas.

Mr. Claude King has, during the past week, made two successes—one at the Royalty and one with Mrs. Patrick Campbell as King Naisi in "Deirdre" at the New Theatre. This is the first occasion for some time that Mr. King has been seen at a West End Theatre, and his return is welcome, as he is a decided acquisition to the limited ranks of jeunes premieres.

Mr. Davy Burnaby, who is appearing as Comte Victoire in "The Belle of Brittany" at the Queen's Theatre, was married yesterday to Miss Vera Turner, daughter of Dr. Turner, of Bombay. The ceremony took place at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, and many members of "The Belle of Brittany" company were present.

There can be no doubt that playgoers will, to-morrow (Monday) afternoon, crowd His Majesty's Theatre to have the double pleasure of applauding so many of their favourite artists and of associating themselves with the Tribute of the British Stage to the memory of a great Italian actress, Adelaide Ristori.

Victorien Sardou has left several posthumous plays, one entitled "Insaisissable," written in conjunction with M. Caldomar, three others in which M. Emile Moreau collaborated with him, a "dramatic comedy" in four acts, and "Madame Tallien," a play of the First Revolution. Some of these pieces may yet see the light in London.

Little Marjory Carpenter, who is to be the child heroine of "Red Riding Hood" at the Lyceum Theatre, is the daughter of Mr. Ernest Carpenter, one of the managing directors of that house. She has shown a remarkable talent for dancing from her earliest years, and has been trained for the stage by the best teachers.

Lovers of a fine Shakspearean performance should on no account miss Mr. Oscar Asche's "Othello," in which character he will appear at the King's Theatre on Wednesday and Friday evenings. In addition to "Othello" Mr. Asche and Miss Lily Brayton will present to-morrow, Tuesday, and Thursday matinee and evening their famous production of "The Taming of the Shrew."

Mr. Robert Arthur has authorised (for a third year) another issue of "The Arthurian Annual," an elaborately printed and ornate souvenir, in which will be found concentrated the portraits of all the "stars" and principal artists concerned in his pantomimes in London (Coronet, Kennington, Fulham), Liverpool, Glasgow, Newcastle, Nottingham, Aberdeen, and Dundee.

To-morrow at the Court Theatre Miss Moullot will present a romantic comedy in four acts, entitled, "Into the Light," by Mr. Gerald Lawrence. A special feature of this production will be the return to the stage of Mr. Lionel Brough, who, as all playgoers will be delighted to hear, is looking younger and better than ever after his recovery from his recent long illness.

"The Lyons Mail" at the Shaftesbury Theatre is so successful that the run will be continued over Christmas. On the 60th night, Monday, Dec. 7, Mr. H. B. Irving will produce, as a first piece, "King Rene's Daughter," in which Miss Dorothea Baird will act the blind heroine, Iolanthe, a character in which she succeeds Mrs. Stirling, Mrs. Chas. Kean, Helen Faucit (Lady Theodore Martin), and Miss Ellen Terry.

Mr. Somerset Vaughan's highly successful comedy, "Jack Straw," which is still running at the Vaudeville, has now gone on tour, and last week visited the King's Theatre, Hammersmith. The new Jack Straw is Mr. Lionel Glenister, and while his treatment of the part differs considerably from that of Mr. Chas. Hawtrey, he is quite successful. As Mrs. Parker Jennings, Miss Florence St. John is, of course, excellent, and both received good support from the rest of the very capable company.

Two very interesting concerts will be held at the Royal Albert Hall this week. To-morrow, St. Andrew's Day, an "All Scotch" festival will take place. All the well-known Scotch songs will be sung, including some specially written for the occasion by first-class artists, and, in addition, four pipers of the Scots Guards' band will dance Scotch reels and the sword dance, etc. The other concert is for Thursday evening, when Sullivan's "The Golden Legend" will be performed with a band and chorus of 1,000. Sir Edw. Bridge will conduct.

For the part of Mopsa, the pert and rather slangy elder sister in "Cinderella," Mr. Rbt. Courtneidge has engaged Miss Mabel Russell, the young Gaiety favourite who for some time played Miss Gertie Millar's part of Mitzi in "The Girls of Gottenberg" at that house. The part of Arethusa, the snobbish and sentimental sister, will be played by Miss Marie Rignold. Messrs. Geo. Edwardes and Rbt. Courtneidge have decided to open the box office for "Cinderella" at the Adelphi on Tuesday.

The Furniture Trades Musical Society opened its season on Monday last at the Holborn Restaurant. This was the 33rd concert, and was one of the best of a large and successful series. The programme was under the direction of Mr. Alfred H. Botwright, and the following artists contributed: Miss Dora Thorpe, Miss Nellie Le Breton, Miss Marie Magnus, Mr. Walter Montagu, Mr. Stuart Debnam, Mr. Will Marvelle, Mr. E. Kenneth Favelle, Mr. Hector Lightfoot, Mr. Donald Clark, Mr. E. M. Howlett, and Mr. H. Percy Smith.

VARIETY STAGE.

We have the news, on authentic information, which we give for what it is worth, that the long threatened combination of the music-hall world actually took place yesterday. This massing of the capitalists of the variety stage would have taken place some time ago if one strong circuit had not held aloof, but yesterday they capitulated, with the result we have mentioned above. When the particulars of the combination is given to the world at large it will have its surprises, as we understand that certain West-End houses, hitherto undreamt of in connection with the new conglomeration of proprietary interests, have actually joined forces with them.

Mr. Frank Glenister, the manager of the Pavilion, is to be complimented on the admirable programme he has been

KITTY COLYER.

lately putting on the boards of this elegant West-End hall. A tribute should also be given to him for the generous way in which he has encouraged rising talent. The present bill is a very strong one, comprising such popular favourites as that interesting spirituelle artist, Ida Rene, in her clever burlesque song, the versatile Gorge Monart, May Henderson, Malcolm Scott and Lily Harold. Among one of the more interesting turns new to the "Pav." is Kitty Colyer. She is one of the most "live turns" it has been our lot to see, and her performance shakes the audience up to a genuine pitch of enthusiasm. Her songs are given with rare spirit, and her dancing is, in its way, a revelation. In fact, her performance goes with a bang which places her in the first rank of star artists.

At the Paragon the top of the bill is Harry Tate in "Fishing," and at the Canterbury Irma Lorraine, in a new series of animated tableaux.

We are sorry to hear that the Poluski Bros. are still unable to fulfil their engagements, the illness of Sam Poluski being rather more serious than was at first thought.

Horace Goldin is making a hit at the London Hippodrome, where he has introduced some new illusions, including a double cabinet trick which is even more bewildering than his former efforts.

An interesting turn is to be provided to-morrow at the Oxford in "The Eight Welsh Miners," who will appear in their working garb, and give a rendering of popular glees. Part singing and solos are their particular forte.

Mrs. John Lawson is rehearsing the travesty, "Why the Third Floor Passed," which she will produce at Christmas. Scene I. depicts St. James's Theatre. Scene II. Mrs. Leach's boarding-house, Camberwell. Mrs. Lawson will play "The Arranger."

An important engagement at the Tivoli for this week is that of Neil Kenyon, "of Auld Dumbrain Town," fame, who has been such a draw at the London Pavilion. On a vote from the audience the directors have decided to place him in the bill.

The Fun City, under the management of Mr. C. B. Cochran, will be opened in the Annexe at Olympia, West Kensington, on Dec. 7, and will remain open for 10 weeks. It will, we are told, surpass everything in this line ever seen in London, and will be, as the management describe it, "one big scream."

Moss-Stoll Empire attractions this week include:—Hackney: Cinematograph picture of the Gotch-Hackenschmidt wrestling match at Chicago; Holloway: George Auger in comedy sketch, "Jack the Giant-Killer"; New Cross: Fred Karno's comedians in "The Casuals"; Stratford: Leynard's Lilliputians; and Shepherd's Bush: Gus Elen.

Cecilia Loftus, Evie Greene, and Carrie De Mar, the American comedienne, are the "stars" at the London Coliseum this week. The new programme includes Charles Klitz and Rhoda Windrum in their comedy sketch, "The Cuckoo"; the Three Cape Girls in a variety of dances, May Audrey, the Jackson Family of musicians, the Rohda Brothers, acrobats; Takio, the Japanese mimic, and Daisy Mayer.

The Directors of the Mammoth Roller Skating Rink at Empress Hall, Earl's Court, are organising a beauty show to take place on Dec. 8th, 10th and 11th. Already there are over 500 entries, and the competition will be of quite an international character, four Italian, one Hindu, 44 German, and 10 French ladies having entered. By far the most numerous applications come from Scotland.

To-morrow night the second North London Beauty Competition will take place at the Wood Green Assembly Rooms. Valuable prizes are offered for the most beautiful lady, the most handsome man, and the finest head of hair (ladies only). The first two items will be judged by the audience, and the third by a West End expert. A grand variety competition will also be decided.

The public has unanimously endorsed the verdict of the Press as to the art films at the Alhambra representing the performances of celebrated French actors and actresses in drama and opera. As a consequence "L'Arlesienne," Daudet's rural tragedy, with Bizet's music, has been extended for another week. Admirers of Mlle. Leonora will hear with pleasure that she returns on Dec. 7th, in a revival of "Narcissus."

The Liteboat matinee at the Empire on Tuesday last was a genuine success, and a considerable sum should be handed over to the funds as a result. Among those who appeared were Gordon Cleather, Lily Elsie, Harry Fragson, Hymack, Josephine Le Baric, Valli Valli, Maudi Darell, Fred Farren, Beatrice Collier, Lydia Kyasht, Phyllis Bedells, and Elsie Clere. The absentees were Chas. Hawtrey, G. P. Huntley, W. H. Berry, Maud Boyd, Geo. Graves, and Rbt. Michaelis, whose names appeared on the programmes and bills.

As usual, Mr. Samuel Dickie, of the Royal Standard, assisted by his faithful lieutenant, Mr. Maurice Volny, has been very much to the fore during the past week with a programme which smacks much of the original. The top of the bill has been George Mozart, who has been giving his now famous "On and Off" song, written for him by Chris Davis, and his very droll imitation of well-known music conductors. This later performance is full of quaint artistic business, and the laughter has been long and hearty during the popular George's occupancy of the stage. Edna Lawrence rejoices in a robust style, which is reminiscent almost at the same time of the methods of Vesta Tilley, Hettie King, and Sable Fern. Her items were, however, heartily appreciated by the audience. Strength in all its popular muscular form is well displayed by John Marx. Ernest Rees is very droll, and another interesting turn is Alston's White Stars; but why—oh, why—that drawn-out lugubrious jest of "Why is a stocking like a dead man"? The aim of a music hall turn is to amuse, not to distress; and the "White Stars" are quite good enough in themselves to dispense with this depressing and alleged joke.

A DRUNKEN BRAWL.

MAN STRIKES ANOTHER IN DEFENCE OF HIS WIFE.

At Surrey Assizes, Horace Jas. Skinner and Mabel Skinner, his wife, were indicted for the manslaughter of Wilhelm A. Harg, at Mitcham, on Oct. 25. The woman was only indicted on the coroner's inquisition, and no evidence being offered by the prosecution the jury, by the direction of the judge, returned a formal verdict of not guilty.—The man pleaded guilty.—It was explained that deceased was found injured in the passage of prisoner's house on the night in question, and afterwards died. The male prisoner, upon being arrested, denied any knowledge of what had happened, but afterwards admitted that he had struck deceased in consequence of some impropriety which he had shown towards his wife.—Mr. Curtis Bennett, who appeared for prisoner, said that undoubtedly this was a drunken brawl, and that all three persons were undoubtedly under the influence of drink. There was no doubt that in that condition deceased did attempt some sort of impropriety towards Mrs. Skinner. The male prisoner was very much under the influence of drink, for, when he was awakened three hours after the occurrence and was told that the serious charge of manslaughter would be made against him, he promptly went to sleep again.—It was stated that prisoner was a man of violent temper.—As he had already been in prison for one month, the judge sentenced him to five months' imprisonment with hard labour.

CHILDREN'S PARADISE.

GAMAGE'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR.

Toyland in all its infinite variety is represented by A. W. Gamage and Co. (Ltd.) at their spacious premises in Holborn. The present annual show should appeal to every juvenile sense. One of the most attractive sets is a huge working model of a railway system, comprising tunnels, cuttings, bridges, signals, and sidings, with clockwork, steam, and electric trains in motion, the whole being illuminated with miniature electric lamps. The more up-to-date invention, which, as usual, hails from the Continent, is a fine working

SOME OF THE ATTENDANTS.

set piece, showing nearly 2,000 toy soldiers marching to the strains of martial music. The bear-pit, whose denizens move and growl in the most realistic manner, is bound to amuse the youngsters. Then we have the technical amusements, which appeal to the young of both sexes. These include Meccano (mechanics made easy), poker work, enamel painting, the Great Lake, containing over four tons of water, where demonstrations of the new electric battleship will be given, clay modelling in Harbutt's Plasticine, toy spinning, stencilette, and, most interesting of all, Sculptor Alexander Moretti, from Florence, will make busts from life at a small charge. A touch of gaiety is given by the attendants on the stalls, who are dressed in fancy costumes suitable to the countries from whence their various wares are forthcoming.

TRAINLOADS OF LOVELINESS.

The world's beauties are to assemble at the Empress Hall, Earl's Court, on Dec. 9, 10, and 11 next. Cash prizes of £50 will be awarded the winners, whom the audiences choose by voting. Mr. Seymour Hicks, Mr. Jno. Hassall, Mr. Tom Browne, Mr. Mostyn Piggott, and Mr. Albert Toft have consented to act upon the committee, and such interest has been taken in this show, which will undoubtedly be the biggest thing of its kind ever held in this country, that the principal railway companies will run special trains into London from all parts of the country, laden with loveliness, on the days in question.

BOYCOTTING.

A reply given by Mr. Birrell to a question by Mr. Lonsdale, M.P., shows that at the end of last month there were in Ireland 16 cases of boycotting wholly, 11 partially, and 193 in a minor sense—a total of 220 cases, affecting 847 persons. At the end of September 223 cases, affecting 836 persons, were known of.

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SHOT ON THE STAGE.

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY IN A MUSIC-HALL.

The sequel to a music-hall tragedy was heard at Bow-st., when Clementini Dolcini, aged 33, an Italian, described as a music-hall artist, of the Coronet Hotel, Soho-st., Soho-sq., was charged with the manslaughter of Hbt. Lee, by shooting him in the head.—Prisoner, a short, stout woman, was wearing a long black cloak over her stage clothes.—Det.-insp. Stockley, the only witness called, stated that at 10 o'clock on the previous night it came to the knowledge of the police that a man named Lee had been shot in the head during the performance at the Middlesex Music-hall. He was conveyed to King's College Hospital, where he died at five o'clock the next morning. At a quarter-past eleven accused went to Bow-st. Police Station, and said, "I am the person you want to see."

Accused's Statement.

—Witness asked her if she was the lady who was using the rifle when the man was shot at the Middlesex, and she replied that she was. He then told her that Lee was dead, and that a charge of manslaughter would be preferred against her. She said: "It was all an accident. It seems all a dream to me. I went away last night because I was so upset, and stayed with some friends. I have been doing this thing for 18 years, and I never had an accident before."—Witness showed her a Winchester rifle (produced), and she said. "That is the one I was

MME. CLEMENTINI DOLCINI.

using," and she took seven cartridges from it.—Prisoner was remanded, and upon the magistrate offering to accept bail in £100 a surety was at once forthcoming.

THE INQUEST.

JURY RETURN A VERDICT OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH.

At the inquest formal evidence of identification was given by the mother, a widow, and by another assistant who worked with deceased. In this particular act, the latter said, Mme. Clementine went to the balcony to shoot a glass ball hanging over Lees's head. There were two rifles used generally; both were ".22 Winchester" and quite alike. Lees hung the ball up before a screen and stood a foot in front of it, the distance between his head and the ball being an inch and a-half. Madame then shot and missed. "Then she shot again," continued witness, "and again missed, but I could not see where the bullet went, for it went into the shield behind. Lees walked away, and, seeing the ball still hanging, took his position again, straightening himself up as he did so. Madame shot again, and the bullet struck Lees in the forehead over the left eye. I rushed to him, and shouted for the curtain to be pulled down."

Raised His Head.

—Are you able to say why on this occasion the aim was a bad one? No, excepting that deceased raised his head up.—Mme. Clementine herself went into the box to give her version of the affair. She gave her occupation as a "shooter," and said she had performed in public for 18 years. Lees had been with her for three months. She had never had any trouble with the gun produced, and she knew that bullets were leaden. On Monday evening she gave her performance the same as usual, and when she aimed at the ball above the boy's head she generally missed it once or twice to draw attention. "It is my business to do so," she said; "and when I fired the third time the boy fell down."

Dangerous Performances.

At this Madame threw up her hands and grew excited. "It was an accident," "I could not help it," were her exclamations, and the mother of the boy began to cry loudly.—Mme. Clementine, when she grew calmer, said she could not imagine how the shot went wrong; the man must have moved.—"What is the reason you fire at a ball which is two inches above a man's head?" the coroner asked. "As I claim to be an expert I think I can do the feat," came the reply.—She recognised that she was shooting with a weapon which if not held correctly might cause some one a great deal of harm. The boy had instructions to stand perfectly still.—Witness admitted that if a bullet happened to be defective after it left the gun it might drop. She knew that several years ago.—In summing up, the coroner deprecated such performances, which attracted a certain class of person because there was a degree of danger. It was an unwholesome attraction, and encouraged the morbid taste of the public. Mme. Clementine knew there was danger.—The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

POLICE BALL.

The 25th annual ball of the E (or Holborn) Division of the Metropolitan Police will be held on Dec. 30, at the Holborn Restaurant. Nearly all the inspectors connected with the division are on the committee, and responsible for arranging the details. The duties of hon. secretary have been placed in the hands of Insp. Angier, who is working assiduously to make the function a record success.

PURSUIT OF ART.

DINNER WITH BEAUTY UNADORNED.

(Special to "The People.")

London's living statuary exhibitions have been absolutely eclipsed by a new form of "entertainment" in Paris which, after a brief period of unexampled pecuniary success, has just landed its authors in the clutches of the law. The doubtful honour of the invention goes to a certain M. Marrast, manager of a restaurant known as the Restaurant Pigalle, which it is almost superfluous to say is in Montmartre. Recently the versatile M. Marrast, who, it appears, has a natural taste for the artistic, conceived the brilliant idea of instituting a series of what he called "esthetic dinners," and thereby satisfying his artistic cravings, whilst at the same time adding a comfortable sum to his income. In accordance with his plan, a number of society men—that is, men with money and a desire to spend it—received "personal invitations" to a dinner at the Restaurant Pigalle on the following terms: "Dinner 20 francs without wine, esthetic tableaux." It was the famous esthetic tableaux which caused all the trouble, for they consisted of exhibitions by half a dozen brazen young persons in practically no other attire than that provided by Dame Nature.

A Great Success.

Apparently the guests appreciated the innovation, for during weeks there were crowds at the Restaurant Pigalle, and Marrast rubbed his hands with glee as he saw his pile of golden louis gradually increasing. Unfortunately for the continuance of his scheme, however, the matter got to the ears of the Anti-License League, and one evening a couple of police officers in plain clothes sat down at the festive board and took careful mental note of the scene. Thus it was that M. Marrast appeared during the week in the dock of a police court, accompanied on the bench of infamy by the six art-loving young women, dressed this time in the most modest of tailor-mades. Naturally the defence was that the exhibitions were held for the sake of art and art's sake alone, but Maitre Granié, who prosecuted, plainly showed that he was not of quite the same opinion. It was urged by the defence that the models were not "quite nude," that is, that they wore some kind of an apology for clothing, but Maitre Granié delicately pointed out that it was rather stretching a point to describe their flimsy attire as in any way resembling clothes. Prosecuting counsel concluded by demanding an exemplary sentence on the entire seven accused, and the magistrate decided to adjourn the case until Tuesday to consider his judgment.

Miss Williams, of St. Mabyn, who is qualified to receive an old-age pension, walked 2,338 miles last year, an average of 46 miles per week.

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CALL TO ARMS.

LORD ROBERTS SAYS "WE ARE DEFENCELESS."

A QUESTION FOR WORKING MEN.

By Patriot.

The question which Lord Roberts is trying to force on the people of this country is of great personal interest to every reader of this paper, for if he be right and our apathetic Government be wrong then it will be the working man and those depending on him who will be the greatest sufferers when a national disaster resulting from an invasion falls upon them.

Lord Roberts wants to see one million men sufficiently well trained to arms that in the event of national danger they can take their places in the ranks of our citizen army and resist an invasion.

Lord Roberts appeals to the working man, for he realises that as it is the working man who is really the dominant power in this country it must be he who will say whether the million men shall be trained to arms or not.

Now, the first thing to do is to convince you that men like Lord Roberts, Lord Cromer, Lord Grenfell, and Lord Milner have nothing to gain if universal military training be introduced. Each of them has served you well as a soldier or as an administrator. Each one has studied the question well, and no one, surely, can say that all of them do not understand what they are talking about.

They, and many other great Englishmen are convinced that this country is defenceless, and the greatest of our soldiers says that he is not one of those who think that invasion is "impossible or improbable." In his remarkably striking speech in the House of Lords last Monday he exposed our weakness and showed us how we could become strong without interfering with the work of the wage-earners. He spoke of 80,000 German reservists in this country who, if it were Germany with whom we were contesting, could do immense harm by destroying the railways, telegraphs, and even our light supply. It may sound ridiculous but you cannot afford to laugh at statements seriously made by an expert of the standing of our late Commander-in-Chief.

Startling Questions.

I myself had a curious experience a little while ago in connection with this alleged bogey. An officer, who I know had inside information, asked me a series of questions of which I give you a few:—

"Do you know that there is a German officer hunting with every important pack of hounds in England every winter?

"Do you know that last summer the officers of the German General Staff did no less than six staff rides in motor-cars through East Anglia, and do you know that when the foreign and home secretaries were approached on the subject they said that they could not take any action?

"Do you know that there are 110,000 German reservists in England?"

I asked him what he knew, and he said, "I know so much that I am beginning to be angry and afraid. Within two years all may be up with us. Is it not possible to make the British public understand that we are all standing on the brink of national ruin? It is not too late if only some one can make them see how awful it will be for everybody, man, woman and child, if once the country is over-run by foreign armies without let or hindrance. What we want and what we must have is a force strong enough to drive the invaders back to the sea. At present everybody who has studied the matter knows that we could not prevent them marching on and capturing London, and, that effected, the British Empire must fall."

Personally, I believe every word which this officer said, for I know that every man now trained to arms in this country could not guard the defences of London. These are about 200 miles in extent, and to man them even moderately we ought to have at least 3,000 for each mile; that means 600,000 men for London alone. And where are they?

Chaos, Confusion, Desolation.

Supposing we employed all these men for defending London, what are we going to do about the great provincial towns? Will not Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool, York, Portsmouth, Plymouth, Bristol and hundreds of other important cities and towns be crying out for protection? But how can they get it or expect it if they will not provide the men and compel the Government to arm and train them? Take for example, the case of Ipswich, one of the first towns which would be affected if the invasion came from the East. This important borough is capable of supplying at least 7,000 young men of military age. The number now serving as territorial soldiers is 450. Is not that sufficient commentary on the apathy of the men and the municipal authorities?

If trouble came now, everything would be chaos and confusion, and ultimate desolation. Is it not worth while to guard ourselves against such a catastrophe? This can be done by so preparing ourselves that we can chase the dread spectre from our lives.

Lord Roberts has suggested the solution. It is nothing less than universal military training for the whole of our male population, without distinction of class. He would like to take every youth of 18 who is physically fit and give him three months' continuous training in field exercises and in musketry, and then for the next three years send him into camp during the summer for a fortnight.

If his suggestion is to be accepted, it is the working man who will give the decision—and rightly so, too, for in our national army for defence he will greatly outnumber the other classes.

The question is, will you agree to the three months' continuous training? Experts say that it is essential, and in order to overcome the great difficulty of employment the National Service League has provided that in the Bill which would have to go through Parliament young men would be guaranteed by law against losing their work during the training season.

We Must Train the Boys.

It is also proposed that physical training and military drill for older boys in school shall be general, and that this training should be continued in the various cadet corps and boys' brigades until they reach the age for joining the National Defence Army.

It will thus be seen that only the youth of the country is at present affected. It is not proposed to train the fathers, but the sons. It is, however, the fathers who must decide.

It will take about five years to get the citizen army we want. What ought we to do in the meantime? My idea is that the able-bodied veterans of the country should be formed into one vast reserve. There are many hundreds of thousands of ex-soldiers who, not being pensioners, are lost to the War Office. These would make magnificent fighters—a true National Guard. They would, of course, gradually fade away; but their places would be taken by the youth whom we now seek to train.

How are we to bring this about? It can be done only by making the Government realise that the men of this country are determined to safeguard themselves, and that military training must be given to those of a suitable age.

An Appeal to Woman.

I think that the best way is for those who are already interested in towns and parishes to organise meetings and get experts to deliver lectures. These could be supplied by the National Service League, 72, Victoria-street, S.W. At present the membership of this association is about 20,000. The readers of "The People" could make it more than a million, and that is exactly what Lord Roberts and his staunch supporters want. You would then be strong enough to make the mayors and the chairmen of urban and district councils take a serious interest in the movement. You would be able to hold large mass meetings. It would then, indeed, become a great national question. Following on these measures, the Government would be forced to take action, and that action would undoubtedly be in the desired direction.

I fully realise, however, that the majority of the men in this country are too lazy, too apathetic, too indifferent to the well-being of England. Is it possible that their womenfolk will help us to rouse them to a sense of their duty. It would be easy to describe in harrowing detail what the women and children would have to suffer if a foreign army were ravaging the counties round London; but the women themselves have only to consider the situation to understand how desperate would be their position—homeless, destitute, starving; their homes destroyed, their men absent, no one knowing whether they were dead or alive!

If only the men and the women would talk over the dreadful possibilities which must result from an invasion, they will not, I feel sure, hesitate to say with Lord Roberts that universal training is absolutely essential.

The views of readers on this important matter will be welcomed.

LICENSING BILL.

MEASURE REJECTED BY THE UPPER HOUSE.

BRILLIANT DEBATE.

The House of Lords, as was generally expected, have thrown out the Licensing Bill. When the division on the second reading was taken, there voted:—

For the second reading ...	96
Against ...	272
Majority ...	176

The scene was the most animated and picturesque that has been witnessed since the rejection of the second Home Rule Bill. Before the debate concluded several well-known spiritual and temporal peers spoke either for or against the measure, but the result was a foregone conclusion, for previous to the Bill coming on for discussion Lord Lansdowne summoned a private meeting of the Unionist peers, who almost unanimously decided to reject it. When the second reading was formally moved, Lord Crewe took charge of the Bill on behalf of the Government. "My lords," he said, "the task of presenting to your lordships' House a Bill, many of the provisions of which are known to be distasteful to the majority of the House, is not an enviable one. If your lordships reject this Bill we shall live under the Licensing Act of 1904 for a considerable time." He admitted that the Act of 1904, passed by Mr. Balfour, had done one good thing. It had set up the principle of the reduction of public-houses. "That principle," said Lord Crewe, "we have carried further in the first clause of our Bill." After going at length into the arguments which have been debated in the Commons ever since Feb. 27, when the Bill was introduced, Lord Crewe urged a broad reduction of public-houses. "Temptations which appeal to the senses are made very difficult to resist by the multiplication of opportunities," declared Lord Crewe, in asking for the closing of 30,000 public-houses.

Lord Lansdowne's Reply.

—Then Lord Lansdowne rose and asked the House two questions:—

(1) Is new legislation dealing with the liquor traffic necessary?

(2) Is the legislation provided of an admissible kind?

—"I ask the House to reject the Bill," concluded Lord Lansdowne, "as the only course consistent with your lordships' self-respect."—Amongst the notable speeches in favour of the Bill were those delivered by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of London, Lord Rosebery, and Lord Lytton. The debate was wound up for the Opposition by Lord Cawdor, who delivered a slashing speech against the Bill. When he resumed his seat some of the Unionist peers broke the sacred rules of the House by clapping their hands. The result of the division occasioned no surprise, and led to no demonstration. The House rapidly melted away, just as collected and unperturbed as though its vote had no reference to great party and constitutional issues, and would raise no tempest of approval or disapproval throughout the land.

DEAD BILL'S BIOGRAPHY.

The Bill had been before Parliament since February 27 when it was introduced by Mr. Asquith. Here is its career, with dates:—

February 27.—Introduced in Commons.
May 4.—Read a second time.
July 17.—Closure-by-compartments resolution carried.
July 21.—Committee stage begun.
November 20.—Read a third time in Commons.
November 20.—Read a first time in Lords.
November 27.—Killed in Lords.

Friday would seem to have been a particularly eventful day in its career. It was read a third time in the Commons on Friday, read a first time in the Lords on a Friday, and killed on a Friday.

DOCKS AT SOUTHAMPTON.

LONDON AND SOUTH-WESTERN RAILWAY PLANS.

The plans of the L. and S.W. Rly. Co. for their proposed new dock and works at Southampton have been duly deposited with the proper authorities, and are to be taken into consideration at the earliest possible moment by the bodies interested. The dock and works, as now proposed, will be on the Woolston side of the river, and in the jurisdiction of the Itchen local authorities, and it is against this division of jurisdiction that the strongest opposition is raised. It is recognised by all the parties concerned that it is absolutely necessary to give the L. and S.W. Rly. Co. every facility to extend their dock and waterside property, but it is urged that the new works should be on land within the Southampton boundaries, and not in neighbouring unions and parishes. Pressure is to be brought on the company to increase its accommodation on the borough side of the river, or there is the alternative that, if the company go on with their works at Woolston, as now proposed, an annexation scheme should be introduced into Parliament to take Woolston into Southampton.

RUSTICATED!

LORD WILLIAM CECIL'S SON SENT DOWN.

Mr. Randle Wm. Gascoyne-Cecil, eldest son of the Rev. Lord William Cecil, has been "sent down" from Oxford University. The present was Mr Cecil's first term. His offence was that of being out of college after midnight. He was a member of University College and was discovered by a constable throwing stones at Balliol College windows, his excuse being that he was trying to rouse a friend. Not giving satisfactory evidence of his identity, the constable took him to the police station, where he gave his name. The case was handed over to the proctors. Mr. Cecil was among the undergraduates charged with assaulting the police on the occasion of the Fifth of November celebrations. He was then fined 40s. and 3s. 6d. costs.

Lord Cecil's Letter.

Following on the police court proceedings Lord Wm. Cecil wrote a letter to "The Times" to protest against allowing the police to do the proctors' work. He said:—"No doubt the letting off of fireworks in a street is a custom not to be encouraged, and the men caught doing it should be fined by the proctors; but the modern plan of employing clumsy, lower-class policemen to keep high-spirited gentlemen in order is to take a course which must provoke a breach of the peace, and the poor boys, who had no criminal intent, but plenty of the high spirits of innocent and pure youth, find themselves in a police court with all its concomitant degradation and publicity. Parents pay a heavy cost for an Oxford education because they desire that their sons should be brought in contact with the cultured and refined Oxford dons. The power of culture and refinement is never better displayed than in the exercise of the difficult duty of discipline.

Boyhood's Barbarism.

Under its influence the barbarism of boyhood makes way for the civilisation of the Oxford man. If the discipline of the university is to be delegated to the police, the value of a university education is vastly diminished. A row between the police and undergraduates tends to degrade all concerned. In my day the police never interfered with the undergraduates, there were no Fifth of November rows, and the noisy freshman matured into the sensible senior man, with a refined manner and a high tone of thought, because he was always treated by gentlemen as a gentleman."—As a sequel to the speech of Mr. E. N. Bennett, M.P., last week, suggesting flogging as a punishment for undergraduates, the junior members of Hertford College (of which Mr. Bennett is a resident Fellow) instituted a raid on his rooms a few days ago. Mr. Bennett was away, and finding his doors locked the undergraduates smashed the windows with stones.

THE WEEK AT WESTMINSTER.

A Busy Week.

Army, the Navy, Licensing, Education, and Irish Land—these have been the wide range of important subjects which have engaged the attention of Parliament during the week, and interest has been fairly divided between the two Houses. In the Upper House on Monday Lord Roberts had a large audience for his indictment of the defence of the country His speech, it need hardly be said, lacked nothing of force or impressiveness. The burden of it was that the danger of invasion is not the remote and improbable thing some people would have us imagine. He dwelt with all the skill of the soldier on the possibilities of a German landing on these shores, and asked for a definite statement from the Government as to their views of the invasion problem, with which Mr. Balfour concerned himself by a long speech in 1905—a speech which the noble Field Marshal held had lulled us into too great a sense of security—and declared that the Territorial Army was inadequate.

Deaf to Appeal.

Lord Crewe, speaking for the Government, and with that fear of hurting the foreigner which always shows itself, deprecated a discussion of the subject in the House of Lords, and sought to help his case by quoting the Duke of Wellington, who was against Parliamentary debate on defence matters. There was little that was reassuring in Lord Crewe's speech, but he did make the admission that the Committee of Defence was constantly engaged in the problems entrusted to it, and that in such matters finality was impossible. In spite of appeal, the Government declined to state frankly their position in the matter, and the debate ended unsatisfactorily, although Lord Roberts carried his motion by more than two to one.

Death of "The Bill."

After the explicit declaration by Mr. Asquith, drawn from him by persistent questions of the Opposition, that his meaning of the Two Power standard was that of the strong Navy school, Tuesday's debate in the Lords on the subject was somewhat futile, and Lord Cawdor's interesting speech received but a small audience. On Wednesday, however, there was a transformation of the scene; the red benches were crowded, the galleries thronged with peeresses, the Episcopal bench in all its lawn-sleeved strength, and the steps of the throne given up to interested Commoners. In other words, it was the second reading of the Licensing Bill. But here again, the debate which ranged over three days and concluded with a majority of 176 against the measure late on Friday evening, was rather a beating of the air. The Bill, hopelessly bad in construction and flagrantly unjust in principle, was already doomed, and Lord Crewe, with slow and laboured utterance, sought to make a show of defence of its clauses and of indignation at the decision of the Lansdowne House meeting. His speech, delivered in a weary monotone and with finger-tips pressed together in an attitude as characteristic as it is unimpressive, made the best case he could for it, a case which, in due course, Lord Lansdowne, as leader of the Opposition, smashed to atoms with customary incisiveness. As the debate proceeded on Thursday and Friday it was evident there were those who would like to preserve the temperance clauses while killing the proposals for time limit and confiscation, but this method of lopping off the trunk and leaving the branches did not meet with general approval.

The Education Bill.

The new Education Bill was discussed on two days. Mr. Runciman in a moderate and conciliatory speech expounded the measure which has been declared to be a compromise between the Church and Nonconformity, the latter gaining complete control wherever rate aid is given and the complete prohibition of rate aid for sectarian teaching in schools, while the Church is held to secure the right to follow her children into the provided schools to give them definite dogmatic teaching, and to preserve or build a school in single-school areas with assistance from the public exchequer.

Predestined to Failure.

Of course, the essence of the whole matter is that the compromise should be regarded as a settlement, and Mr. Balfour in a speech on Thursday, which was listened to by a crowded House, declared that no one was bound by the agreement, and that either party would be tempted to secure more on the first favourable opportunity. The Roman Catholics were opposed to the Bill to the man, the Nonconformist regarded the measure as but a further step towards what they called national education, and the vast majority of the clergy of the Church of England regarded the Bill with suspicion and dislike. It was useless crying peace when there was no peace. And this was the argument in another form on Friday, when the second reading having been carried by a majority of 166, the Government brought forward ten guillotine proposals, giving six days for the remaining stages of the Bill. Peace and settlement were impossible if the Government persisted in forcing through the measure with such indecent haste, said Mr. H. W. Forster in a brilliant speech, Mr. A. Chamberlain and others, who yearned for an end to this miserable controversy. Mr. Asquith in the end conceded another two days, but was warned by Mr. Balfour that this two-edged weapon which the Radicals had forged would, when the time came, be used by a Unionist Government, as it had become part of the regular procedure of the House of Commons. And so the Bill is to be forced through in a hurry, and our next week-end is to be spoiled by a Saturday sitting.

"THE PEOPLE'S" M.P.

HYDE PARK SCANDAL.

It has been decided to place extra plain-clothed and uniformed constables on duty in Hyde Park after dark to clear that thoroughfare of the disorderly women who frequent the place, and young hooligans who rob people in that park after dark. The park has been called by both judges and magistrates a great scandal to London.

THAT WAY DUTY LIES.

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"I want every youth when he grows up to have the satisfaction of feeling that, should his services be required, he will not be found wanting. More than that, I want every boy to understand that it is not only his bounden duty but an honour and a privilege to serve his country."—*Lord Roberts to Bluecoat Boys.*

A CASE THAT FAILED.

ABORTIVE PROSECUTION FOR GRAVE OFFENCE.

Jos. Newton, a married man, of Back Church-rd., Rainford, was charged on remand, at St. Helens, with attempting to commit an assault on an elderly woman named Margaret Kenyon.—Supt. Baxendale said that Mrs. Kenyon was a widow, and lived in Pasture-lane, Rainford. On Saturday, Nov. 14, she had been to St. Helens shopping. She returned to Rainford Village Station by the five o'clock train, and then went to the Star Inn, where she was in the habit of working as a charwoman. Her son was there, and she was told that there was a man at the Mill House Inn, opposite, who wanted her. She went and saw the man, who paid her money and stood her a glass of beer. She then returned to the Star Inn and had a drink of beer and something to eat. After being in the village about three hours she went along the road home.

IN A LONELY PLACE

she saw a man by the side of the road, and it proved to be defendant. He took hold of her and knocked her down, and they had a severe struggle. He acted in an objectionable manner, and she was quite exhausted when a woman named Harrison came on the scene. Defendant alleged to the policeman that a cyclist going along the road had called his attention to Mrs. Kenyon, who was lying on the road drunk. He denied that he did anything to her, but stood by her until someone came up to take her home.—Prosecutrix gave evidence, and was cross-examined at length by defending counsel, who said that the defence was an absolute denial of the assault. He also had numerous witnesses there to speak as to the woman's condition, and the fact that she had had drink.—The chairman suggested that the case had better be withdrawn.—Supt. Baxendale said that after hearing prosecutrix give her evidence he would withdraw the case.

FRIENDLY SOCIETY FRAUDS.

At the Surrey Assizes, Albert E. Panter, 40, dairyman, of Beech, near Alton, Hants, was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment for forging and uttering three certificates purporting to be signed by Dr. Jones, of Dorking, whereby he was enabled to obtain a sum of £4 10s., with interest to defraud the National Deposit Friendly Society. The certificates were sent on three occasions after his sick pay had been stopped.

CHILDREN AND FIRE.

A verdict of accidental death was returned at Marylebone in the case of Nellie Slack, the four-year-old child of parents living in Adbrook-st., Marylebone, who succumbed to severe burns. During the temporary absence of her mother the child took off a fire-guard, lit a piece of paper, and set fire to her pinafore.

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BIRTHDAY HONOURS.

NEXT GENERAL ELECTION

CHESHIRE (Hyde).—Dr. T. Eastham (U.) has been adopted.

WEDNESBURY.—Mr. S. Lloyd (U.) has been asked to stand.

DUBLIN (St. Stephen's Green).—The selection of Mr. A. D. Conner, K.C. (U.), has been confirmed.

DEVON (Barnstaple).—Mr. J. H. Kirkwood (U.), has, to the great regret of his supporters, resigned, on the ground of his wife's continued ill-health.

PEMBROKE BOROUGHS.—Sir George Armstrong (U.) has been unanimously adopted as prospective candidate by the Conservative and Unionist Association. In the course of his speech, Sir George said he could not fully accept Mr. Asquith's statement of the naval policy of the Government until he had an opportunity of finding out by examining the next Navy Estimates whether the Government intended to put their promise into practice. Sir George had a magnificent reception at a large public meeting in the evening at Pembroke Dock.

THE DAY OF INVASION.

Mr. Haldane, distributing the prizes to the men of the 13th (Kensington) Batn. County of London Regt., said that the modern division was not worth anything unless it was so constructed that it could be rapidly and swiftly mobilised and used to anticipate the stroke, so that the counter-stroke of defence might be given first. He was not under the slightest delusion as to the situation in which they stood. They were trying to work out mobilisation plans not only for the force itself but for the nation, if the great day should come.

POLITICAL AGENT'S DEATH.

Mr. G. W. Lafbery, agent to the Unionist party in Maidstone, died after a long illness, at the age of 41. Prior to going to Maidstone Mr. Lafbery was agent to the North Camberwell Conservative Association. He took part in the South African War as a regimental sergeant-major in the 14th Batn. of the Imperial Yeomanry.

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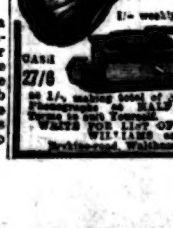

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PARIS STUDIO MURDER.

THE ACCUSED WOMAN AND AN EX-PRESIDENT.

SCANDAL IN HIGH PLACES.

Paris is just now agitated by one of the most amazing crime mysteries on record. Everywhere it is the subject of animated debate—on the boulevards, at the theatres, in the Chamber of Deputies; in fact, wherever men meet together. The "affaire Steinheil" is not new: but it is puzzling. "Find the woman," says the well-worn French tag. Well, in this case the woman has been found, but the true facts of this remarkable tragedy yet remain to be discovered. The woman—Mme. Steinheil, to wit—has the key to the mystery, but so far she has kept it pretty much to herself. Briefly, the

MME. STEINHEIL AND HER DAUGHTER. [Hamilton and Co

facts are these. In May last M. Steinheil, an artist of indifferent ability, and his mother-in-law were murdered in the Vaugirard quarter of Paris, his wife being gagged and bound, and witnessing the crime. Madame has told varying stories of the affair, known as the "Studio Murder," as a result of which certain arrests were made. Now the lady has made a series of confessions or admissions which have set all Paris talking and speculating. Late the other night two Parisian journalists were closeted with Mme. Steinheil for three hours—till half past 12 in the morning—and to them she made sensational revelations. The journalists were M. Marcel Hutin, of the "Echo de Paris," and M. de Labruyere, of the "Matin." She is said to have declared that the valet, Remy Couillard, whom she had accused, is innocent of the accusation made by her against him. Alexander Wolff, the man she now accused, she said came to the house with the object of committing robbery. He threw himself upon her and gagged her. "My husband," she continued, "tried to rise and attack his murderer, and my mother screamed. The man killed them both, and I was the only witness. He said to me, 'If you denounce me I will tell everybody that you made me come here to kill your husband and your mother.'" She had been afraid to speak before, for fear that she might be accused of complicity. After the interview Mme. Steinheil is stated to have been in a pitiable state of prostration.

"I Know I Am Lost."

This is a sample of the dialogue between the woman and her journalistic confessors:—"Madame, how is it that you have said nothing of this to the authorities? These facts must have weighed heavy on your conscience." "He terrorised me."—"You had no relations with him?" "Oh, no, monsieur."—"But you must now tell the truth, which you have violated by thus throwing the name of an innocent man to the vengeance of the public." "Monsieur, I know I am lost, but, nevertheless, I should like it known that it was the threats of this man, who wished to ruin me and besmirch the name of myself and my daughter, which have forced me to keep silent."

She Loved Someone.

"But will it not be said that he committed the crime in order to allow you to marry someone else?" "Yes, monsieur, he will despatter me. . . . What should I do?" "Go at dawn to M. Leydet, the examining magistrate. Tell him all without reservation, the whole truth. Let the innocent man be released at once, and reply with scrupulous truth to the questions of the magistrate. It is the only way for you to save yourself, and to gain for yourself the pity of the public. That is what you must do. Just one more question, however," added the journalist. "You loathed your husband?" "Yes, but it was not I—not I who had him killed." "You loved someone. His name?"—Mme. Steinheil murmured his name after a great effort, but there seems no reason (says the reticent Pressman) for it to be published.

"It's All Over."

"Anyhow, it's all over. I don't wish to think of it again," added Mme. Steinheil.—"Did Mariette know that her son was the assassin?" "Yes, and for her sake I didn't wish to say so. Poor woman, now she also will in all likelihood accuse me."—"I did not wish to push the inquiry further," concludes the amazing M. Marcel Hutin.—Meanwhile Alexander Wolff was arrested, but he emphatically denied that he was the author of the crime. At four o'clock in the morning, some hours after her admissions to the journalists, Mme. Steinheil and her daughter drove to the Criminal Investigation Department, and asked to see M. Hamard, who dressed hurriedly and received Mme. Steinheil's confession and fresh accusation. Only the previous day a post office mechanic declared to M. Hamard that Alexander Wolff was the culprit, and that, two or three days after the crime, his pocket-book was full of bank notes, whereas the night before the crime he had had to act as a super at the Mont Parnasse Theatre in order to earn 7½d.

Dramatic Confrontation.

At 7.30 Alexander Wolff was arrested, and before mid-day Rémy Gouillard's release was decided upon. At 10 o'clock Alexander Wolff and the widow were confronted with each other, and the latter maintained the absolute truth of her accusation. Alexander Wolff, on the other hand, protested that he was innocent, and offered to furnish an undeniable alibi. Finally — pressed with questions—Mme. Steinheil began to hesitate, and declared: "Mon Dieu, if it was not Alexander Wolff, the person I saw and who bound me was prodigiously like him." At four o'clock the examination was resumed. Dramatic incidents succeeded one another, Wolff hurling at the widow such epithets as "wretch," "hussy," "wicked woman," "liar," and "monster," whilst Mme. Steinheil, who had regained her composure, persisted in her denunciation.

"They Have Hypnotised Me."

As a last resource the daughter Marthe was brought in. The poor girl burst into tears and threw herself on her knees before her mother, crying, "Mamma, confess! Tell everything." Those present now hoped that madame would make a clean breast of everything, but she exclaimed in the presence of her daughter, "I swear I had no concern in the murder of my husband and my mother." Marthe vainly implored her mother to confess. "Now, come," said the Juge d'Instruction, "what was the motive for the crime? Why did Wolff go to your house?" "To violate me." Then she added after a pause, "What will you have me say? People have been telling all yesterday that Wolff is the criminal. They have hypnotised me, and I can only repeat that Wolff is the culprit." The examination ended at eight o'clock with the arrest of Mme. Steinheil on a charge of being accessory to the murder of her husband and her mother. Wolff has been released. There is a rumour, possibly true, that Mme. Steinheil is seeking to shield an illegitimate son, who is said to have been employed in some printing works in the Impasse Ronsin. A young man had frequently declared to his companions that Mme. Steinheil was his mother.

AN ELYSEE SCANDAL.

MME. STEINHEIL AND EX-PRESIDENT FAURE.

In the Chamber of Deputies, even, the topic has been the all-absorbing one, and the names of Mme. Steinheil and the late Félix Faure, once President of the French Republic, were on everybody's lips. For it is an open secret that Mme. Steinheil was the late President's mistress. She was in his study on the memorable night when he died suddenly of apoplexy. It is declared that the late M. Steinheil was well aware of this liaison, but tolerated it because it was a source of profit to himself. He painted M. Félix Faure's portrait, which was purchased by the State for 30,000 francs. He was received at the Elysée with his wife. M. Faure also recommended him to his friends as a painter of genius, whereas he had but an elementary knowledge of his art.

A Memorable Meeting.

The following circumstantial account of the relations of the late President and Mme. Steinheil is given: "During a military tour of inspection in the Alps, which has remained famous in the recollection of officers owing to Félix Faure's behaviour, which was that almost of a megalo-maniac, and by which he seemed to wish to imitate the personal habits of Louis XIV., the former President met the Steinheils, and was instantly struck by Madame. On his return to Paris an intimacy sprang up between him and her. She used to call upon him once or twice a week at the Elysée, entering by a side door in the Avenue Marigny. At the same time her husband received orders for pictures, and finally the cross of Knight of the Legion of Honour. His colleagues of the Société des Artistes Français fought shy of him in consequence.

A Dramatic Moment.

One afternoon in February, 1899, Mme. Steinheil paid one of her bi-weekly visits to Félix Faure. They remained alone together, when suddenly, towards six o'clock, a woman's screams were heard by servants. The latter rushed into the room and found the President in an apoplectic fit, while Mme. Steinheil had fainted away. The President was carried out immediately to his other apartments, where his wife, who could naturally not have been warned before his removal, tended him. But his case was pronounced hopeless at once by the doctors, and he died in half an hour without regaining consciousness. Meanwhile Mme. Steinheil had been vigorously brought to, bundled into a cab, and sent home, and the story was hushed up as far as possible. The President's death was not made known until about 10 o'clock that evening, and it was officially announced that he had died from a sudden attack of apoplexy while in his study. Such was the part played in the tragedy of nine years ago by the woman who is now at St. Lazare prison on the charge of complicity in murder.

The Accused Valet.

M. André, the examining magistrate to whom the Steinheil case has been transferred, having taken charge of the records of the case up to the present stage, examined the valet Remy Couillard, who was accompanied by Me. Henri Geraud, his legal adviser. The magistrate went back to the beginning of the case, and questioned Couillard concerning the events of the evening preceding the murders, and the circumstances of his finding Mme. Steinheil lying bound on her bed on coming down in the morning. The interrogatory occupied two hours. The inquiry related solely to details of evidence, and the question of the identity of the murderers was not touched upon. It appears that Couillard can throw no light upon this matter.

MADAME'S LOVER.

FASCINATED BY HER HAUNTING CHARM.

A contributor to the "Matin" gives an account of a conversation which he has had in a large chateau in the Ardennes, near Mezieres, with a man whom he says Mme. Steinheil indicated when she said that by casting suspicion on others she hoped to be able to clear herself completely in the eyes of some one whom she could not name, whose love she had lost, and of whom she must no longer think. He relates how, on March 8 last, he made her acquaintance at the house of a mutual friend, and was deeply fascinated by her haunting charm. A month later he had agreed to accompany her to her villa at Bellevue and became her lover. "It was," he says, "a moment of mad passion; for a month I behaved in the most foolish way. Marguerite appeared to adore me, and recounted to me her past life. One day she said to me:—

I know you cannot doubt me. I know that malicious tongues say that I have had many lovers. It is false. I swear it. I have had only one lover. I have never loved but one man, and it is you.

The Mention of Félix Faure.

"I had a name on my lips, though a name that the 'Chronique Scandaleuse' had often mentioned, and I uttered it, 'Félix Faure.' At this name Marguerite started. 'It is false,' she cried, 'it is an infamy. I was ill when Félix Faure died. I can show you the proofs. As for my husband, I loathe and detest him. I have one hatred in my life, my husband and my mother, who forced me to marry him.' Some days after Mme. Steinheil informed me of a plan she had conceived. 'I will petition for a divorce,' she said, 'and you shall marry me. We will live happily in your chateau in the Ardennes, sheltered from the calumnies of the world.' I had the greatest difficulty in dissuading her. The liaison continued for a few days more." Mme. Steinheil's lover then returned to his property in the Ardennes and decided on a rupture. For the last time he went back to the villa in the Impasse Rousin, where there was a grand dinner attended by politicians and officers. He had no opportunity of explaining the reasons which would prevent him in future from coming so frequently to Paris, and he postponed doing so to another occasion. During the next few days Mme. Steinheil telephoned five or six times to the chateau. On Saturday, May 30, she called him up again, but as the wire was working badly it was impossible to carry on a conversation.

Heard on the Telephone.

"At last," the gentleman continued, "I heard Marguerite exclaim, with a clear laugh, 'Well, I am tranquil now, at any rate.' Two days afterwards, on June 1, I received a letter from Count D'A. informing me of the drama. Quite stupefied, I started at once for Paris, and heard from the mouth of Mme. Steinheil herself the details of the tragedy. The same day I visited one of my friends who was ill in bed, and told him of the crime. He exclaimed, 'Oh, the wretch!' I repeated simply, 'Yes, the wretch! I should never have believed that.' With the first words of Marguerite I had conceived a suspicion. The rest of her story confirmed my suspicion. Now I perceive the truth. Thunderstruck, I returned to Marguerite, and showed her how suspicious her story appeared to public opinion, and asked her to justify herself, to clear herself of all suspicion, declaring that I could not see her again until the whole truth was known. Next day I returned to my chateau. I have not seen Mme. Steinheil since."

A BOGUS PETITION.

A sentence of 18 months' imprisonment was passed upon Chas. Hy. Webb, 26, a cook, at the Middlesex Sessions for obtaining 3s. 6d. by means of a fictitious petition.—Prisoner had been going from house to house collecting money on behalf of an alleged domestic who was in hospital undergoing an operation, and that, to forward his aims, prisoner forged a gentleman's name.—The chairman remarked that charity very soon dried up when people found that they were being imposed upon in the manner adopted by prisoner, who had twice previously been convicted of similar frauds.

CHARGE OF PATRICIDE.

An old man named Langton, a farmer, residing at Ballesgrange, near Kilkenny, has been murdered at his own house. His son, Jas. Langton, aged 35, is in custody charged with the crime. A billhook is said to have been the instrument used to commit the murder.

AWFUL DISASTER.

BRITISH LINER BURNED NEAR MALTA.

33 DEAD; 64 MISSING.

A terrible disaster has overtaken the British liner Sardinia, belonging to the Ellerman-Papayanni Line, the vessel having been burned just outside the harbour at Malta with the loss of nearly 100 lives. It appears that the Sardinia had just left Malta for Alexandria with 201 persons on board, and when about a mile outside the harbour she burst into flames and drifted, still blazing, upon the Ricasoli Rocks. A high wind blew, and it was impossible for other ships to approach the burning vessel. The Sardinia carried 11 British passengers, all of whom, with the exception of an infant boy, were saved. On her decks was a great number of Moorish pilgrims, living in tents for the four days' journey to Egypt. Capt. Charles Littler, of Birkenhead, remained at his post and perished in the flames, faithful unto death. The crew behaved nobly, nearly half their number dying in the performance of their duty. The latest official list of the casualties is as follows:—

Rescued	104
Picked up dead	33
Missing	64

The Scene from the Land.

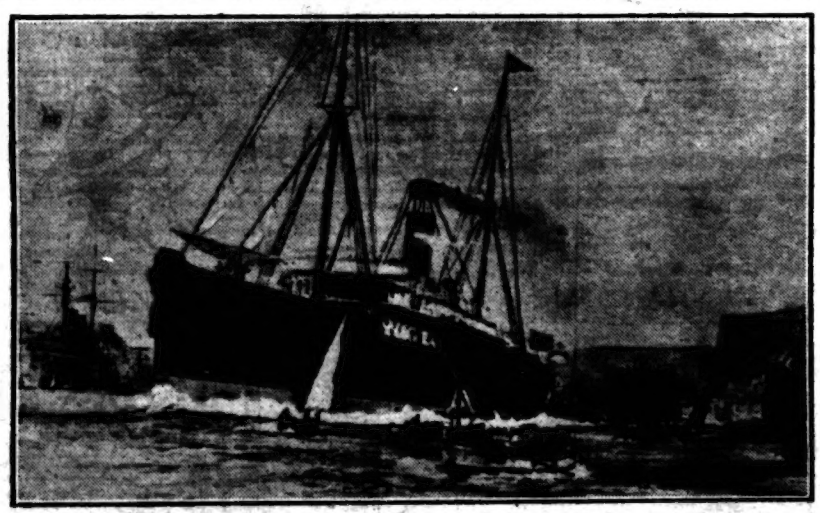
A mile from the port the vessel was seen from the land to be on fire. Volumes of black smoke and flames wreathed up. Presently the military and naval authorities, fearing danger to the powder magazines, were compelled to warn the doomed vessel to keep off from the harbour. The cargo of the vessel was general, but some say that naphtha and others that powder was on board. Loud explosions were heard from time to time, and now and then a rattle, as it were, of musketry fire. All on board were perceived to be distracted, and piercing shrieks soon reached the land. Meanwhile the calmness they displayed. The body of Capt. Littler was landed at Malta in a terribly mutilated condition. A number of the rescued passengers and members of the crew stood bareheaded on the quay as it was brought ashore.

Awful Suddenness.

It appears that when the liner had got just outside the harbour the crew were engaged in securing the port anchor. The sea was running rather heavily, but no apprehension existed in the mind of anyone. Presently there was a shrill cry of "Fire!" and with startling suddenness a sheet of flame shot up from the port ventilator. The crew were well disciplined, and at the captain's orders a hose was promptly turned on the ventilator. But the magnitude of the outbreak was far beyond what was thought at the first alarm. The hose could do nothing to check the fire, and in a few minutes flames were belching from other ventilators.

Powerless With Terror.

Terror reigned among the Arab passengers, who were making their way as pilgrims to Mecca. In 10 minutes from the time when the first alarm was given, the whole vessel amidships was enveloped in a mass of flames and smoke. The Arabs, who were for the most part well-to-do, had all their belongings on board. In terror, they clung desperately to the hatches, and their fear rendered them incapable of obeying the order to leave. It is feared that all the unfortunate people remaining forward, in spite of the gallant attempts to save them made by the crew, have perished.



THE LINER SARDINIA LEAVING THE HARBOUR AT MALTA. [Illustrations Bureau

SEASIDE AMENITIES.

DEFENDANT APOLOGISES IN WESTGATE LIBEL CASE.

At the Kent Assizes, held at Maidstone, before Justice Ridley, Wm. Holloway, a well-educated and respectably attired man, was indicted with libelling Mr. E. B. Alexander, the lessee of St. Mildred's Hotel, Westgate-on-Sea. The alleged libels were contained in a pamphlet entitled "Westgate Notes." One of the paragraphs complained of at the police court was as follows:—

There are no flies about him, nor, to do him justice, are there any about his house. They must have died of starvation. His modest terms are a guinea a head per diem, with no reduction for babies in arms. Like the most illustrious of his race, he can say from his heart, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not." Personally, when I want to starve, I can do so for less than a guinea a day.

Plea Withdrawn.

—On entering the dock prisoner withdrew his plea of justification, and it was pleaded on his behalf that he was willing to apologise to the hotel proprietor, to pay the cost of the prosecution and to agree not to repeat his accusations.—The Judge said: I think you have been well advised, and I am very glad you have followed the course you have done. I think it would have been impossible for you to have succeeded on a plea of justification. You have apologised for what you did and you have withdrawn all the imputations you have made in these pamphlets. I do not consider it necessary that you should be punished for what you have done. You must not do it again. You may enter into your recognisances for £100 to be of good behaviour.

A DERBYSHIRE MURDER.

A travelling conjuror on a visit to Swadlincote, Derbyshire, was yesterday found dead on the outskirts of the town. The circumstances point to a dastardly crime having been committed, inasmuch as the man's throat and forehead were found terribly gashed in such a manner as to point almost conclusively to the fact that the wounds were not self-inflicted. This theory is borne out by the police, who, having made a thorough search, have failed to find a knife or other weapon in the immediate neighbourhood of the tragedy.

SCHOOLBOY AND GIRL.

Fdk. Stanley Palmer, 12, Cuweth Farm, Kea, pleaded guilty at Truro yesterday to improperly assaulting Alberta Wcolcock, aged six. The children attended the same school, and the offence was committed on the way home, and it was stated that the same offence had taken place before.—Prisoner was bound over under the First Offender's Act, and his mother was bound over to keep the peace towards the schoolmaster, who reprimanded the boy for the offence.

FAILURE AND SUICIDE.

Yesterday a verdict of suicide whilst of unsound mind was returned at the inquest on Alfd. Jordan, a butcher, of West Drayton, Middlesex, who committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor. He had not long been married, and only recently opened a business which proved unsuccessful.

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"CRIMINAL LIBEL."

CANON'S WIFE'S CHARGES AGAINST VICAR.

A curious case of alleged criminal libel was mentioned at the Maidstone Assizes, when Justice Ridley investigated the charges of libel preferred against Mrs. Frances Gedge, wife of the blind rector of Gravesend, Canon E. L. Gedge.—Accused, who has been on bail, was charged with having published a malicious and defamatory libel, on Sept. 18, 20 and 21 last, concerning the Rev. Herbert John Martin, a Chatham vicar, by means of postcards, addressed to him at his house, and in answer to this a plea of justification was entered. — Canon Gedge, who was formerly vicar of St. Nicholas, Rochester, is a well-known clergyman in the diocese, and has taken a prominent part in the researches with reference to the burying place of Princess Pocahontas at Gravesend.—Mr. F. Lowe, K.C., and Mr. C. M. Pitman were for the prosecution, and Mr. Huntly Jenkins defended.—Mrs. Gedge was fashionably attired in a striped costume of black and grey, a black hat with ostrich feather, and a grey fur necklet.

A Painful Case.

—Mr. Lowe, in opening the case, said defendant's plea of justification amounted to contention that the libels were true, and that the publication was desirable in the public interest. Mr. Martin was a married man, with a family of seven children, and the husband of defendant was a man respected by all who knew him. It was manifest (continued counsel) from the position of the parties and the nature of the charges that the inquiry must be of an exceedingly painful nature, and it was, indeed, the most painful case with which it had been his fate to be associated. It was necessary for Mr. Martin to bring this case in order to clear his character and vindicate his position. Even if there were truth in the charges, the case could only bring indelible disgrace on defendant at the bar and untold anguish to two parties, who, in whatever view might be taken of the case, were entirely innocent—the husband of the defendant and the wife of the prosecutor—against whom not one single word could be said.

A Case for Another Court.

—Justice Ridley (to Mr. Huntly Jenkins): Are there no means of preventing this inquiry.—Mr. Jenkins: I have had an opportunity of speaking to my client this morning, and my instructions are specific.—His Lordship: Can't you persuade her?—Mr. Jenkins: My lord, I have put every phase of the case before her. — His Lordship: If you have done your best to persuade her, you have done your duty.—Mr. Jenkins: I have tried to do that, my lord.—Mr. Jenkins had another conversation with Mrs. Gedge in the dock, and then said, "The case must proceed."—His Lordship: I very much doubt whether it is possible to prove in this court that necessary part of the plea that these libels were in the public interest. There is another court in which such charges as she makes must be tried. I do not see how you can go into them in a public court of assize. — Mr. Lowe, however, went on with his opening, informing the jury that Mrs. Gedge was nearly 50 years of age and the mother of three children, two of whom were grown up. She did not come before the jury as a young girl who had been wronged, but as a woman of experience.

The Plea Withdrawn.

—Mr. Jenkins then consulted Mr. Lowe, and the latter asked his lordship to see counsel privately. They retired to the judge's room for half an hour, and on returning into court Mr. Jenkins, who had had a conversation with accused, together with her solicitor, said that he had spoken with Mrs. Gedge, and also consulted with Mr. Lowe. He asked that the case should go to the next assizes, on the ground that the plea of justification should be withdrawn and not pleaded again without leave of the Court. This would give an opportunity for proceedings to be taken in the Ecclesiastical Court, if the Ecclesiastical authorities thought fit. Mrs. Gedge had undertaken not again to attack Mr. Martin's character, except, if necessary as a witness in the Ecclesiastical Court. He felt that the case was one which was more fitted to be tried in an Ecclesiastical Court by the proper authorities, instead of in a Criminal Court of Assize.

A Matter for the Church Court.

—Mr. Lowe said that whether the Ecclesiastical Court would take steps was a matter, of course, entirely for their judgment, but he agreed with his friend that this was a case more fitted for investigation by a tribunal of that sort, providing that they were guaranteed against a repetition of the charges. It was because Mr. Jenkins had made it clear that there would be no such repetition that they assented to that proposition. He thought the best course would be for the jury to be discharged. His client's one wish was to meet the charges which were made against him.—The judge said that when he assented to this course he expressed no opinion on the merits of the case, but he did not think it was to the advantage or the benefit of the public that they should try the case there at all. The proper authority was the bishop, or the Ecclesiastical Court. It was from the point of view of the public benefit that he expressed that opinion.—In discharging the jury, his lordship said he hoped the case would never be tried by a jury at all.

HORSES AT BUENOS AYRES.

Reuter's correspondent at Buenos Ayres telegraphs that the second day of the competitions in the International Horse Show was a brilliant success. The steeplechase was won by Lieut. Oliveira Cesar (Argentina), while Maj. Beresford (Great Britain) was second, followed by three Argentine competitors, with Lieut. Brooks (Great Britain) sixth. The broad jump was won by Lieut. Montefiore (Great Britain). The second, third, and fourth places were won by Argentine riders, and Lieut. Brooks was fifth. Lieut. Montefiore on Lottie covered 8.50 metres, which constitutes a world's record. The Spanish officers did not take part in this event.

INFATUATED.

THE STOCKBROKER AND PRETTY MILLINER.

The infatuation of Ralph Moses, 47, a stockbroker, of Mount-st., W., for Miss Mabel Evelyn Walker, a pretty milliner of 18, was the cause of his appearance at Marlborough-st., accused of using insulting behaviour likely to cause a breach of the peace. —An astonishing story was told by Miss Walker, who lives in Quernmore-rd., Stroud Green, and is employed in Albemarle-st., Piccadilly. She had not long left the shop, when defendant came up to her, raised his hat and said, "I am sorry I frightened you. If you would allow me to walk with you for two minutes I would not frighten you or speak to you any more." At that time her brother, who had been waiting in the Royal Arcade, came up, blew a whistle, and gave Moses into custody. She had seen defendant outside the shop about six times, the first time about three weeks ago.

Waiting Outside the Shop.

He walked about and waited outside for about an hour or more at a time. At times he would smile and beckon to her, as if asking her to go out to him. She spoke to her brother about it, and he called that evening to take her home safely. It frightened her to know that defendant was waiting outside for her, and on one occasion, on

MISS MABEL WALKER.

coming downstairs, she heard a voice, was told he was there, and fainted. Accused, however, never made any insulting gesture, but only called to her to go out.—Mr. Abrahams (defending) said that Mr. Moses was taken by surprise in being given into custody, and immediately went to him (Mr. Abrahams), and told him he wished to apologise in a most sincere manner. He had seen this young lady in the shop, felt great admiration for her, and waited for her to come out.—Mr. Mead ordered accused to enter into his own recognisances in £10 to keep the peace for six months.

NAVAL AND MILITARY.

To-morrow, Capt. Moore, R.N., will vacate the post of Naval Assistant to the First Sea Lord of the Admiralty, and will, on the following day, take over command of the first-class battleship Dreadnought, and will act as Chief of the Staff to Vice-Admiral Sir F. Bridgeman, Commander-in-Chief of the Home Fleet.

Yesterday, Capt. Charlton, R.N., who has, since May, 1907, been in command of the first-class battleship Magnificent and has been acting as Flag Captain to Rear-Admiral the Hon. S. Colville, commanding the Nore Division, Home Fleet, took over command of the Eastern Destroyer Division with the rank of Commodore of the Second Class.

Yesterday, Commander Oldham, who has of late been in command of the first-class cruiser Hawke, in reserve at Portsmouth, too over command of the Dædalus, drill ship for Royal Naval Reserve, replacing Commander Robertson, appointed Inspecting Officer of Coastguard.

During the week, the transport Rohilla will leave Bombay for Southampton. It will take the 1st Batn. Queen's Royal West Surrey Regt. from India to Aden, and bring home from the latter centre the 1st Batn. Bedfordshire Regt., which will be stationed at Colchester. The transport is due at Southampton on 23rd of next month.

To-morrow Col. Thorold will give up command of the 1st Batn. West Riding Regt. on completing his term of service, and will be succeeded by Maj. Humphreys, who is now second in command of the corps.

Yesterday Capt. Hildyard took over command of V Battery R.H.A. in succession to Brvt.-col. Headlam, D.S.O., who has been removed from the R.H.A., and promoted Substantive Colonel in the Army.

Yesterday, Capt. Yelverton, R.N., who has just completed his term of service in command of the second-class protected cruiser Talbot, took over command of the first-class battleship Vengeance of the Home Fleet, replacing Capt. Goodenough, who has become Flag Captain to the new second in command of the Mediterranean Fleet.

To-morrow, Capt. Oliver will give up command of the first-class armoured cruiser Achilles, of the 5th Cruiser Squadron at the Nore, and will assume duty at the Admiralty as Naval Assistant to the First Sea Lord.

The following appointments were notified at the Admiralty yesterday:—Capt. E. C. Villiers to Charybdis, to date Dec. 4. Commander C. G. Brandon to Queen, for N duties on recommissioning, Dec. 15. Lieuts. C. E. V. Craufurd to Lord Nelson, to date Jan. 5, 1909; H. Fitzherbert reappointed to Queen, on recommissioning, Dec. 15. Engineer Commanders C. E. H. Osbourne to Proserpine; A. R. Grant to Challenger, both to date Nov. 27. Sub-lieut. F. B. Jaques to King Alfred, to date Nov. 27. Boatswain W. Griffin to Pembroke, addl. for Wildfire for Sheerness Depot, to date Nov. 28. Artificer Engineers W. S. L. Collins to Alacrity, Nov. 27; J. Mitchell to Vivid, addl. for Torpedo Boat 108, to date Dec. 15; A. E. Marden to Highflyer, to date Nov. 27. Civil Practitioner H. J. Satchwell to be surgeon and agent at Wakering Haven, to date Nov. 27.

A MARVEL TO ECZEMA.

Began with Teething and Lasted Twelve Years—Tried Every Imaginable Treatment to No Effect—Almost Mad with the Torture—Cured in Three Weeks by Cuticura.

"My daughter now thirteen years of age, had been a martyr to eczema on her body and head ever since cutting her teeth. We had a doctor off and on for the first five years and have been trying different chemists from time to time, using many ointments, but to no effect. We tried everything imaginable, and only kept hoping that she would outgrow it. At last, after suffering for twelve years, her body and head were a mass of sores, and she was almost mad with it. Then I sent for a set of Cuticura Soap, Cuticura Ointment and Cuticura Resolvent Pills. After ten days' use of the Cuticura Remedies she began to get better. In three weeks there was not a vestige of eczema left. She only took one vial of the Cuticura Pills, still we have some of the Soap and Ointment still.—Mrs. C. Brooker, North St., Godstone, Surrey, Eng., Aug. 3 and 12, 1907."—[Advt.]

OUR OMNIBUS.

THE CONDUCTOR.

The "William Tell" shooting feat, which has cost the life of a man at a London music-hall, belongs to a class of performances of which most of us would gladly see the last. No doubt the additional strain upon the performer's nerves, imposed by the knowledge that the glass ball at which the shot is aimed rests on a living person's head, increases the difficulty of the feat. In the original story Tell, ordered by the Austrian tyrant Gessler to shoot the apple from his son's head, provided himself with two arrows, and explained to Gessler afterwards that if he had killed the boy with the first, the second would have pierced the tyrant's heart. Skilful archer though the legendary Swiss hero was, he felt the possibility of failure under such a strain.

Of course, William Tell did not have to repeat his shot night after night, and modern imitators of him may become more or less hardened to the risk by practice and constant success. But the danger of a slight mistake, or a fatal movement on the assistant's part, such as is said to have occurred in this instance, has always been there. The wonder is that such a tragedy has not happened before. We have heard of disasters in connection with similar knife-throwing performances at country fairs. But those who have sought for stage parallels to this William Tell tragedy have found nothing nearer than the accidental death of a boy in a Brighton music-hall gallery some years ago from a wad of paper fired from a conjuror's pistol on the stage. The supposed attraction of the Tell feat lay in the fact that a man stood a great chance of being killed, but never was.

Now that a death has occurred, this particular performance will probably be stopped. But the occasion is a good one for protesting on behalf of the entertainment-going public that, in these days, most people really do not enjoy seeing life and limb hazarded, under the idea that it amuses them. Very often the spectators do not realise the full danger of the clever show they see. There are trapeze and acrobatic displays, daring bicycle feats of looping the loop and so on, and manœuvres with trained animals, that are far more dangerous than admirers of their neat execution suppose. Only those behind the scenes know how constantly life-long crippledhood, if not death, is the ever-imminent penalty of a fall or a perilous contortion.

But, when the modern public does appreciate the danger, it does not like it. Watch the audience while some obviously dangerous show is being given, and you will note how the strained suspense of seeing it through is followed by an audible sigh of relief when the turn is over. In former days, when tastes were more brutal and ordinary life incurred less wear and tear of nerves than it does now, people may have wanted to be thrilled in this way. But every observer of popular amusements will agree that the people want now mainly something that will make them laugh, as a relief to the tension of their work-aday life. They do not get either good or pleasure from the spectacle of death being dared and dodged.

THE ACTOR.

A more humorous coincidence has surely never been evolved even from the fertile brain of Sir Wm. Gilbert than the concurrence of the two trials in which the most refined of our lady comedians, Miss Mary Moore, is now engaged as an important witness. The charming actress appears in one case as plaintiff nightly in "Lady Epping's Lawsuit," at the Criterion Theatre; in the other as defendant daily, at the Law Courts, in the pending action against herself and Sir Charles Wyndham brought by Messrs. Shoolbred and Co. Upon the merits of the case I forbear to enter, for the obvious reason that, with the trial proceeding, comment upon its facts would be contempt of court, but upon the fun of the two actions running pari passu, as the lawyers say, I may speak without risk of offence. The most exquisite item in the course of the real trial was found in the comical correction addressed by Justice Darling to Sir Chas. Wyndham for repeated interruption of counsel. His lordship, calling the lively comedian to order, said, "It is most important if ever these defendants should be minded to produce a piece involving a scene in court that they should remember that litigants are not allowed to interrupt counsel." A peal of laughter followed this witty utterance from the bench, conveying a pungently humorous reference from the trial then proceeding in the real court to the corresponding scene enacted by one of the identical witnesses before the simulated judge at the stage court.

The piquancy of the trial before Mr. Justice Darling was rendered the keener and more interesting personally by the circumstance of Miss Mary Moore's son, Mr. Albery, being one of the learned counsel pleading her cause and that of Sir Charles Wyndham as defendants.

Another aspect of the coincidence regarding the two trials which strikes me (and one moreover purely accidental) is the wonderful way in which the real one at the Courts lends itself (quite accidentally, of course) to the acted one at the theatre. Both, however, provide a passing amusement to playgoers and the public generally.

"Garrod's Stores" is the title at present given to the new musical play Mr. George Edwardes has in preparation for production at the Gaiety early in the New Year, whereof Mr. Ivan Caryll is the composer, and the cast of which has for its principals Miss Gertie Millar, Mr. Edmund Payne, and Mr. George Grossmith, junr.

I hear that the enterprising Mr. Walter Gibbons is at the head of a syndicate to build a new playhouse on the site of the old Mohawks' hall, afterward converted into the Islington Empire, now to be called the Islington Theatre.

Youngsters fond of the theatre—and which of them are not?—are hereby informed that by addressing a postcard "To the Manager, Drury Lane Theatre," they will be favoured gratis with a pantomime booklet prepared by Miss Winnie Burnand, and with it a packet of pantomime picture postcards.

PIPER PAN.

I am indeed glad to learn that there seems a likelihood of some solution being found to the difficult problem of protecting the rights of composers and publishers in regard to the reproduction of their copyrights on mechanical instruments. Piano-players, gramophones, phonographs, etc., have done almost as much harm to those who earn their living by composing and publishing as the musical pirates. No one wants those who like the mechanical instrument performances to be deprived of that form of entertainment. But I certainly think that if copyright music is wanted it should be paid for when arranging to take records.

Anyhow, at the International Copyright Conference, recently held in Berlin, a convention was signed in which all the signatories agreed that their respective countries should recognise copyright in the records of all talking-machines, piano-players, and all other mechanical instruments; but that it must be left to the various countries, by domestic legislation, to decide as to the best means of enforcing the principle thus laid down. This seems to me to be a strong point gained. Now, the next step will have to be made in gaining victory in a just cause.

It is tantalising to learn that M. Paderewski is to play at Bradford and Glasgow early in January, while no mention of London is made. But I hope that the great pianist may be prevailed upon to give us at least one chance of hearing him during the brief visit he will make to England after Christmas. Meanwhile it is interesting to note that M. Paderewski has finished the symphony he undertook for the Boston Symphony Orchestra, America, whither he proceeds in February, and will play the pianoforte part of his work at its production in New York and other American cities.

I think that "prodigy" is not the right word to apply to the latest child pianist, George Szell—he should be called a phenomenon. For, surely, there has never been another boy to equal him in music, at any rate in babyhood. Before he was a year old he could sing several songs, at two he knew whether wrong notes were being played, and at three his one amusement was to copy bars of music. At six the little modern Mozart had become an accomplished pianist and written several compositions.

I thoroughly enjoyed the Royal Artillery Band concert last Friday. As usual a well-chosen (and not too long) programme had been arranged, and the bandsmen gave excellent renderings under the masterly direction of Lieut. Stretton. Mozart's Symphony in G minor—considered by most musicians to be his masterpiece—was the chief item of the afternoon, and the different movements were so admirably interpreted that the applause was loud and prolonged at the end. I think the spirited performance which Lieut. Stretton and his men always give of the National Anthem is one of the pleasantest features of these military concerts. One rarely hears it played so well.

Mr. Felix Salmond, who will shortly make his debut as a 'cello player, is a son of the well-known baritone vocalist, Mr. Normand Salmond. I presume that Mr. Felix Salmond does not own the grand voice of his father, whose stentorian notes as the jovial monk in "Le Poupee" drew all London to the Prince of Wales's Theatre a decade ago.

Mr. Normand Salmond, previous to his engagement in "Le Poupée," was a popular concert singer, and even while at the Prince of Wales's sometimes appeared on concert platforms. I remember being rather amused on one of these rare occasions. When Mr. Salmond came on to sing, two ladies sitting next to me exclaimed disappointedly, "Why, it's not Mr. Salmond!" "After all our trouble in coming to hear him, too!" However, they mutually agreed that the strange (!) singer was very good, although not "quite so good as Mr. Normand Salmond." As a matter of fact it was Mr. Salmond, but as the monk in Audran's opera he had been obliged to shave off the heavy moustache which he had hitherto worn, and his fair admirers did not recognise him without his hirsute adornment.

WILL WORKMAN.

Mr. Bonar Law in a reprint of five recent speeches, entitled "The Fiscal Question," and published by "The National Review," truthfully declares: "I defy anyone to produce an argument from the Free Trade point of view in support of the Patents Act that will stand a moment's examination," to which Mr. J. M. Robertson replies in his best style of superior culture and cultured superiority, in "Platform Protectionism," price 6d., issued by the Free Trade Union. The chief fault of all Mr. Robertson's economic work—involved statement and lack of clearness in argument—is typical of this work. Happily patience generally yields an understanding to the few students who desire to know what Mr. Robertson means. The first point worth noting is that Mr. Robertson does not agree with the publishers of "Five Fiscal Fallacies," when they tell us that "an Act of Parliament cannot create work" because we find him saying: "If the foreign patentee sets up plant to produce the article in this country he is promoting industry here without causing any drawback." That's plain enough surely.

When Tariff Reformers talk about making the foreigner pay import taxes, so as to support the upkeep of our market, Free Traders, including Mr. Robertson, snigger at our ignorance, but one of the chief assets of the Patents Act, according to that gentleman, is "to force the foreigner to bear part of the burden of British Taxation." When we suggest excluding foreign manufactures by a Tariff, we are informed that in doing so we shall prevent the export of an equal value of our manufactures, and so be where we were; but in defending the Patents Act Mr. Robertson, while claiming that by making the patented articles here, instead of importing them, we shall reduce our exports by that amount, yet says: "the Free Trader is perfectly satisfied if the same volume of trade is done at home," and even goes so far as to admit that, "so far as the patentee's workers demand the manufactures previously exported to pay for the previously imported patent articles, there has been a total expansion of industry and no waste of productive power." How often has this point been urged in this column?

According to Mr. Robertson "the effect of the Patents Act will be to create employment without raising prices." Will the Statistical Secretary of the F.T.U. note the contradiction between their two publications? But, he continues, it is not Protective. Oh dear no. It is the Patent rights which are Protective; therefore, to compel the owners of them to produce in our market "is to make a just and expedient restriction of the Protection it confers." How the production of a monopoly article here as well as in Germany restricts its Protective power, may be clear to this F.T.U. writer, but, to be candid, I give it up, it is too subtle for my perception. It is enough for me to know that it is a measure of Protection, and by compelling production here creates British employment, and although it may stop exports it expands our means of employment, without reducing our productive power. For the rest give me Bonar Law's clear, understandable way of saying what he means to the learned diction and word jugglery of Mr. J. M. Robertson.

F.T.U. Leaflet 127 deals with "Tariff Reform and the Furniture Trade," and with their usual deceptiveness, only picks out just what pleases them. They tell us that between 1903 and 1907 our imports fell by £142,000, while our exports fell by £138,700. Not much development there! Their deceptiveness is twofold; first, in only dealing with part of the manufactures of wood, and differentiating between exports to foreign countries and to the Empire, while lumping the imports into one sum. The following figures will expose their little trick:—

All Manufactures of Wood, 1907. Countries.	Imports.	Exports.
Protected Markets...	£1,478,000	£302,000
Neutral Markets	£311,000	£658,000
Empire Markets	£132,000	£648,000
Total	£1,921,000	£1,608,000

Thus we see that while Russia, Germany, Belgium, Holland, France, Italy and U.S.A. displaced the labour of 10,000 British carpenters and joiners at £74 wages per year in 1907, they found work for only 2,050 at the same wage, while the Empire found work for nearly 4,400, and displaced less than 870 of them. Other foreign countries employed two for every one they displaced.

So what we gained on the imperial and neutral market swings, we more than lost on the protected markets roundabouts. But, because in this lopsided comparison, our exports of furniture only, have doubled to all foreign nations and seriously diminished to our Empire, we are asked to believe that Tariff Reform would mean "less work, wages, and comfort, and dearer living." Given the real facts of the case we see that instead of selling more woodwares to Protected Nations and buying less, we are just doing the opposite. Those markets which clap heavy duties on our goods are keeping them out, while flooding our markets with their woodwares. In other words, the trade of the carpenter and joiner loses five and gains one in the countries I named, in other foreign countries it gains two and loses one, and in the Empire it gains five and loses one. Tariff Reform would only hurt protected nations, and by compelling them to give us better terms, or to suffer exclusion of their imports here can only give more work, wages, and comfort to British joiners.

Yet another of them, leaflet No. 117 of the F.T.U., tells us that "our Free Trade system has undoubtedly benefited the boot and shoe industry," and gives us the figures to prove it. Well, here they are for 1907, and I ask my shoemaking friends to carefully note them. In 1907 we sold £2,040,600 worth of boots and shoes and only bought £728,700 worth, which looks good business. (By the way, if it pleases the F.T.U. to know that we export more of a given thing than we import, what becomes of that exports paying for imports nonsense of their's?) Let us analyse both figures:—

	Sold to.	Bought from.
Protected Nations...	£309,400	£766,600
Neutral Nations	£222,600	£1,600
The Empire	£1,517,600	£500
Total	£2,040,600	£768,700

This puts a new complexion on the spirit of our dream, as we see that nearly every shoemaker out of work through foreign competition is so, thanks to protected nations, while, out of the 20,000 shoemakers working to supply our outside customers at an average wage of 20s. per week, 2,180 are employed by neutral markets, 3,000 by protected markets, and 14,900 by our kith and kin in the Empire.

Has any reader yet seen Mr. Robertson's reply to "Numericus," or Mr. Mond's to Mr. Bagley?

"I won't play with you any more," a quartett rendered by Messrs. Blatchford, Grayson, Hyndman, and Hardie, is in great demand just now.

Labour is the sum of all human exertion, says the Socialist pamphleteer, and then denies his definition by describing everybody but the manual wage-earners as robbers and parasites.

Trades Union unemployment in the following countries is taken from the "Labour Gazette" for this month:—

The United Kingdom ...	95 per 1,000
Germany	27 per 1,000
France	77 per 1,000
Belgium	55 per 1,000
Norway	26 per 1,000
America and Holland not given.	

The average wage of 47,537 Co-operative employees in 1907 was £53 2s.; so says the "Labour Gazette."

On a total trade of £119,665,000 the Co-operative movement made a net profit equal to nearly 26 per cent. or, according to Socialist teachers—many of whom are Co-operators—a dead robbery of £11,936,000 from the 112,182 employees.

Between January and October last year changes of wages gave a weekly increase of £185,000. The same period this year shows a weekly decrease of £57,000. After the feast cometh the famine. But was 1907 a feast? If so, hundreds of thousands lacked the wedding garment of employment.

BUCKLAND JUNIOR.

Probably not everyone knows that there are mammals which are not viviparous, but, like birds and some reptiles are oviparous—that is, the young are not brought forth alive, but in the form of eggs, from which they are hatched. These egg-laying mammals are known as monotremes, and the echidnas and the platypus are the only members of the order. Although these egg-laying mammals are more or less closely allied to the reptiles in their mode of reproduction, they differ in that the young are suckled by milk secreted by the female parent, as in other mammals. Their distribution is limited to Australasia, for the platypus is found only in the southern and eastern parts of Australia and Tasmania, while two species of echidna are natives of Australia and Tasmania, and the third of New Guinea.

In Australia the echidna is known chiefly by the names of porcupine and porcupine ant-eater, and the latter one certainly conveys to our mind something of its form and habits. The body is broad and depressed, the upper part being covered by bristle-like hairs and spines somewhat longer than those of our common hedgehog. The head is small and rounded, terminating in a slender, elongated beak-like snout, with the small nostrils at the extremity. The small mouth is not furnished with teeth, but from it it is able to extrude a slender worm-like tongue coated with a viscous substance into the nests of ants, and then withdraw it covered with these small creatures, as do the ant-eaters. It is a great burrower, and to aid it in this direction, and to help it in pulling over ant-hills to get at the nest, its feet, especially the front ones, are armed with very powerful claws. The hind feet of the males are also equipped with a peculiar spur.

The abdomen of the female is provided with a rudimentary pouch in which both egg and young are carried in turn. As a rule, the echidna lays but one egg, although the pouch will take two. This is comparatively small, being no larger than a lark's egg, and is encased in a leathery shell similar to that of reptiles. As already stated the egg is carried for a short time in the pouch, eventually being hatched by the heat from the body. After some few weeks the young one emerges from the pouch with the spines in an undeveloped condition.

The other egg-laying mammal, the platypus or duck-billed platypus, as it is often called, differs from the echidnas in every way except that it is a burrower, and in its egg-laying propensity. What a gold-mine one of these creatures would prove to some of the ingenious, if not altogether trustworthy, showmen touring the country! For instance, those who show the coypu as a huge rat would most certainly be proclaiming that they possessed a cross between an otter and a duck, for the creature possesses a certain resemblance to both of these. Its name, duck-billed platypus, is derived from the peculiar flat, blackish, duck-like beak which forms the extremity of the head. The base of the beak is shaped something like the small ferule at the bottom of the ribs of an umbrella and would appear to be there to keep the creature from thrusting its head further into the mud and thus protecting its eyes. The bill, in the adult, is not armed with teeth, but with horny plates, although in the young, rudimentary teeth appear for a short time. Its depressed body is covered with a short, dense, deep brown fur, very much like that of the otter. The tail is broad and flat, resembling somewhat that of the beaver, but is covered by long bristle-like hairs. With the beaver we know the tail is used as a trowel in the building of their dykes, but with the platypus it serves only as a steering apparatus. Its legs are short and armed with strong claws. All four feet are webbed, but while this (the web) extends considerably beyond the claws in the fore feet, it only reaches to the bases in the hind.

Even in the parts of Tasmania and Australia, where it may be more or less abundant, it is but seldom seen, partly because it is timid and dives out of sight at one's approach, but chiefly because it is practically nocturnal in its habits. It is found chiefly in the river banks, taking its food of shell-fish, worms, and insects from the sand and mud at the bottom of the river. In the banks it constructs large or rather long burrows, which usually have at least two entrances—one on the surface in brushwood and the other under the surface of the water. At some distance above the water level a chamber is excavated, wherein its nest, lined with grass and leaves, is made. In this one or two eggs are usually laid about October. Both eggs and young are left in the nest, and not carried in a pouch as in the echidnas. Like the eggs of the echidna, they are comparatively small, and covered by a leathery texture. Like the males of the animals already described, the male platypus is furnished with a sharp spur, almost an inch in length, on the hind feet. It is often said that this is a poison apparatus, but whether this be the case or not, there is no doubt that many persons have received dangerous wounds from them.

The additions to the Zoological Society's Gardens for the week ending Nov. 22 include:—Mammals: One ring-tailed lemur, one ring-tailed coati, and three black rats. Birds: One larger hill mynah, one red-and-yellow macaw, one common kingfisher, one grey-breasted parrakeet, one magpie, one hooded finch, four Mauritian turtle doves, and two Bocage's red-eyed doves. Reptiles: One Hispid lizard and one Natal sternothere.

OLD IZAAK.

December is now close at hand, and let us hope will bring us weather of a more genial character than that commonly ascribed to it. Ushered in by gales, as frequently happens, the period between the 3rd and 9th of the month is comparatively mild in most years, although the rise in temperature is not always to date, and in some years does not occur at all. The "halcyon days" which happen later ought certainly to favour the angler. Pike, perch, roach and chub are the fish of the month for the freshwater fisherman; and cod, pout and whiting, not to mention many other fish, will provide abundant sport for the sea angler whenever the weather and waves permit.

Most waters have fished fairly well of late, and Thames anglers have had sport throughout. A pike of 10lb. has been taken at Datchet, and some good roach at Shepperton and Pangbourne. Walton's Lee has fished better, the members of the Park Angling Society securing some nice fish in the Rye House water. Shakspere's Avon has yielded pike in the Binton and Bidford district, pike have been taken at Evesham, and parts of the Teme are also yielding sport. Good news reaches me from Mr. E. Collinson, hon. secretary of the St. Ives (Hunts) Association, who are now placing a fine consignment of fish from Wiltshire into their portion of the grand old Ouse, a river already yielding some splendid specimens. Only last week Mr. R. W. Smith, of London, and Mr. C. Smith, of St. Ives, piloted by Mr. Collinson's son, secured eight nice pike, and a splendid fish of 13lb. fell to the rod of Mr. Stearn, when fishing at the "dead hedge." Anglers' live baiting should do well there now, but the weeds would still interfere with spinning.

Sea angling has been interfered with, particularly along the easterly portion of the coast by high tides and stormy weather, but with reasonable conditions the tides will now be favourable and good sport obtainable. Thirty-four competitors took part in the pier competition at the Folkestone festival last week-end, which was open to all comers, and some nice catches were made. Mr. A. Davis (Folkestone) had the heaviest aggregate weight (6lb. 3oz.), and the heaviest one day's catch (4½lb.), the pier challenge cup, given for the heaviest fish caught on the first day of the festival, falling to Mr. H. C. Saunders. The special prizes offered to ladies for the heaviest one day's catch were won by Mrs. Dobbs and Miss W. Dodd, of Deal. The boat competition follows on Dec. 5, 6, and 7, when, given favourable weather conditions, a large attendance may be expected, and good sport should be enjoyed.

Mr. A. W. Parker (B.S.A.S.), who is one of the leading members of the City of London Piscatorial Society, has been the fortunate captor of a cod scaling near 20lb. at Deal; a pike of 10½lb. is reported from the Arun at Pulborough, where much larger fish are occasionally met with about this time of year, and some fine perch are noted from other quarters. Capital shows have graced the trays of several of the clubs of late and at the Anchor and Hope A.S. Mr. H. Mallett displayed 20½lb. of capital roach and 10½lb. of pike. This well-known society, whose headquarters are at the Woolpack, Bermondsey-st., S.E., has a smoking concert and visit from clubs on the South London visiting list to-morrow (Monday, Nov. 30), at which all angling friends will be welcomed, and an excellent programme is assured. If at all possible, "Old Izaak" will put in an appearance.

The event of the week among the clubs enrolled with the Central Association will be the competition in the final round for the splendid silver challenge cup of the association, which takes place on their water at Pulborough to-day (Sunday), the Blackfriars and the Putney Anglers being the competing bodies. Mr. J. J. Hobbs (hon. sec., cup committee), who is making the most admirable arrangements for the contest, informs me that the mile of water allotted for the fishing will be denoted by two white flags, with a red one in the centre, and it will be esteemed a favour if anglers not taking part in the match will refrain from fishing within the boundary for the day, and keep at a reasonable distance in all cases from the competitors during the contest, and until after the weighing-in. The competitors will meet in the long room at the Railway Hotel on their arrival at Pulborough, and from thence proceed to the swims selected. Should the Blackfriars prove to be the winners, the trophy, which is an exquisite model of the Ascot Gold Cup, will adorn their club room again, as they will then have won it for the second time. Gold and silver medals will be presented to each team at a public gathering of anglers in London later on.

I am glad to note that the lantern lectures, proposed to be given in the clubs of the Birmingham and District Angling Association, in aid of their Anglers' Benevolent Society, are likely to prove attractive and successful, if one may judge from the attendance and reception accorded to the first of the series just given by Mr. T. Coles (president) at the Birmingham Arms Hotel. Shakspere's Avon, the Thames, and Severn were each beautifully illustrated, and the charms of angling in them described; Messrs. Warwick Bagley and F. H. Picken rendering very effective assistance in the optical portion of the entertainment. It is possible of course to have too much of a good thing, but some of the London clubs might occasionally try them at their visits or concerts in which, if I mistake not, Mr. Wade would readily, as on former occasions, lend them a helping hand.

A correspondent asks me when the first angling or preservation society was formed, and to name the oldest of the many London or other angling clubs. I can only answer the first part of his question by saying that re-stocking and preservation work was not unknown in Roman times, but whether fishing societies found a place among their institutions, such as we have now, I do not know. Walton's enjoyable evenings with his companions on the banks of the Lee formed a kind of fishing club of the best type, but it was not until long after his time that the London fishing clubs came into existence. It was not until 1830 that the True Waltonians was founded, the Piscatorial Society followed in 1836, the Walton and Colton in 1840, and the Friendly Anglers in 1842. All these grand old societies still exist, and have many worthy followers of later date, all of which are doing good service, and let us hope will yet long flourish.

THE SENSE OF THE NATION.

You may prate about teetotal, you may argue that the moon
Is cheese, or you may think your face reflected in a spoon
Looks nicer than it is—it may be that's your special fad,
There's room at Stone and Colney Hatch for people who are mad.
But so sure as we are English the truth will still remain
That the mass of England's people are tolerably sane,
And the Radicals who tried to play on us their knavish tricks,
Are at the present moment in a very pretty fix.
But the peers, who made old England what she is, observed the fraud,
And knew the people would their firm determined stand applaud.
The Budget Bill was hopeless, and where one cannot mend
'Tis quicker far, and better too, to make a speedy end.
If the Radicals dare race the country let them, but they know
They would receive a mandate then—a simple "out you go!"
If they dare not—and they dare not—they must drag along until
Disgraced and infamous they fall beneath the people's will.

For the people stand behind the Lords, and Asquith and his gang
Find the cup that they are draining has a very "bitter" twang.
They started to fool England, and their tongues were in their cheeks,
But their cheek is worn, and now their hearts are in their scottish breeks.
They know at last the people see through all the cant and sham,
And on polling day the thumbug down their throats will surely cram.
For on lies they rose to office and are finding now their level
In the pretty little choice between the deep sea and the devil.

MADGE ST. MAURY.

Nov. 25, 1908.

Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum managers have decided that in the case of all new officers appointed at the Asylum, no beer or money in lieu thereof shall be allowed. It is estimated that in six or seven years this will mean a saving of £700.

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MURDERED CRIPPLE.

VERDICT AGAINST THE MOTHER.

INSANE AT THE TIME.

The inquest on the cripple, Teddy Haskell, aged 12, who was found dead with his throat cut in bed at his home at Salisbury, on the night of Oct. 31, was resumed this week.—The mother of the boy, Mrs. Haskell, who is accused of the murder, was present in charge of a warder and wardress from Devizes Gaol. — The Chief Constable of Salisbury produced certain statements alleged to have been made by accused. The first was made the day after the murder. In this accused repeated the story of the man calling on the Friday evening for lodgings, and appearing annoyed because she could not take him in. The man said it was strange, as he had been recommended to her. On the fatal day she returned home about 20 minutes to nine, followed by her little boy. He went to bed about a quarter to ten.

Locked the Back Door.

She went to the back of the house, and, returning, sat down for a quarter of an hour. She then got up and locked the back door. Later on, continued the statement, her nephew called, and as she went to the back door someone rushed downstairs and threw something at her. She did not know why she told her nephew to go for the doctor, only that she saw splashes on her sleeve. She saw the front door open, and said to the witness, Mr. Steer, "Oh, do come! Someone has been up my stairs. Do see if my little Teddy is all right." When Dr. Wilkes called, he said, "What is it, Mrs. Haskell?" She replied, "I don't know. That is what I want to know. Tell me what is the matter!"

Mother Again Faints.

—At this point accused fainted, and had to be carried out. The statement, as read by the Chief Constable, went on: "Something scratched my sleeve. I could not tell what it was. I did not hear any sound whatever till I heard footsteps on the stairs. I could not describe the man. There was £8 2s. in the drawer, all given by my mother to Teddy in little sums to buy him an artificial leg. I saw the money safe on Thursday. No one except me, my mother, and my little boy knew of the money. I wore the blouse (produced). My little boy was insured for £3 10s. or £4. I paid a penny a week for three years until 12 weeks ago, when I endorsed the policy and paid an extra penny a week. I shall get no benefit for 12 months from the time I endorsed it."

The Missing Towels.

—In the second statement, made next day, witness said Mrs. Haskell spoke of her boy writing down his name and address for someone, who was going to give him something. In a subsequent statement she was alleged to have said: "Mr. Steer came downstairs. I said to him, 'What is the matter?' He replied, 'It is too bad.' I said, 'What is it?' and I went to the front door and called out, 'Do go for the police, I believe some one has killed my Teddy.'"—Cross-examined, the Chief Constable said that since the adjournment, when it was stated that no towels had been found, they had been discovered, and in the very place where Mrs. Carter, mother of accused, said they could be found. Witness, however, denied that accused told either himself or Chief Insp. Dew what had been done with them. The brown paper in which the knife was first wrapped had been lost.

Question of Marriage.

—Mrs. Rose Manning, next-door neighbour, was afterwards called.—Mr. Parr: Did you ever have any conversation with Mrs. Haskell about her remarrying?—Mr. Trethowan objected. They would, he said, open all kinds of things if they went back months to a statement made by accused to somebody else.—The coroner agreed with Mr. Trethowan, until the jury asked, "Did it lead to any motive?"—Mr. Parr: It is for the jury to say when they have heard the statement.—In reply, witness said three or four months before Mrs. Haskell told her that Mould had asked her to marry him, but it took a lot of thinking about; but if ever she did, she would always work and keep little Teddy.—Answering Mr. Trethowan, witness said she heard Mrs. Haskell call Teddy between eight and nine that evening, saying, "I shall not be gone long, Teddy." — Alfred Walter Noble, a nephew, said some time this year Mrs. Haskell said, in the presence of the family, "I am going to get married." That was taken as a joke.

A Mysterious Man.

Samuel Leate, a saddler, said that between 10 and 10.30 on the night of the tragedy he saw a man leave the house in Meadow-rd. The man walked towards him followed by a woman, who stopped and walked back to what was apparently the house she had left. On the backward journey she stopped once or twice. She was sobbing. When witness came opposite the house she saw the woman standing in the doorway. The man had disappeared. The woman was still sobbing and saying someone had killed her Teddy. The man, so far as Leate could remember, was 5ft. 5in. or 5ft. 6in. in height and was of slight build. He was dressed in dark clothes, but did not appear to be wearing a collar.

The Jury's Difficulty.

After being away two hours and a quarter the jury returned into court and said they could not agree as to who committed the murder.—The coroner said he would take that as an open verdict. It was pointed out that the jury must agree on that.—The foreman said there was not much possibility of agreement.—After some further discussion the jury again retired.—The jury, after another long absence, returned a verdict of murder against Mrs. Haskell, but added that the crime must have been committed during a fit of temporary insanity.

A competition called "The Kerbstone Artists' Royal Academy," in which experts in chalk will "paint" their pictures within the building, will take place at the Fun City, which opens at Olympia on Dec 7.

CELLAR CRIME.

YOUTH COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Jno. Trench, who is charged with the murder of Thos. Foy, aged six, in the cellar of an empty house in Lyons-st., Bootle, on Oct. 24, was yesterday committed to the assizes for trial. The police court proceedings have lasted two days, 32 witnesses being called.—Asked if he had anything to say, prisoner replied: "I am not guilty—you cannot swear me to a thing I have never done. I reserve my defence."

The Inquest.

There was a singular conclusion to the coroner's inquiry into the fate of Foy, a little boy. —The coroner advised an open verdict, but the jury returned one of murder against Jno. Trench, a youth of 18, at present in custody.—Trench's arrest followed statements made by him the morning after the child's disappearance, and 24 hours before the body was found.—The witnesses called included prisoner's brother, who said the latter told him he saw the boy with two foreigners in the street on the night the lad disappeared. Annie McGavin, who heard a statement about two foreigners in the crowded street after the body was found, asked why Trench did not take the child away from them.

Curious Statements.

Trench thereupon stepped forward, and said, "Why didn't they come with me and look for the kid when I asked them?"—Other witnesses repeated statements made by prisoner, suggesting that he was taking a keen interest in the tragedy. Mary Peck, with whom prisoner lodged, spoke to his having washed a jacket and vest about the time the child disappeared. —Det. Leslie stated that when Trench was arrested and asked how he got to know before anyone else that the boy had been murdered in a cellar, replied that he heard a neighbour's daughter say so.—At the close of the evidence the coroner commented upon the fact of prisoner having been seen with the boy on the night the lad disappeared, and said the cellar could only have been entered by the rear over a 6ft. wall, and the boy must have been conveyed there by some person or persons who had inflicted wounds upon him.

Jury Disagree with Coroner.

—After prisoner's solicitor had intimated that he would not put him forward to make a statement, prisoner said he was ready to tell the truth.—The coroner, in checking him, remarked, "If you had been tried in a French court instead of an English court, there would have been a different result to this trial." The coroner added that although many of the circumstances were suspicious as against prisoner it was quite possible, as suggested by his solicitor, that some foreigner or foreigners might have done the deed. If he (the coroner) was a juror at the assizes and had to try prisoner he would not in his conscience be able to record a verdict of guilty against him after such evidence as they had now heard. —The jury, as stated above, returned a verdict of wilful murder against prisoner.—On hearing the verdict, prisoner vehemently protested his innocence, and said he could produce proofs which would clear him of the charge.

MASTER AND PUPIL.

SEQUEL TO THE GRAVESEND SHOOTING CASE.

The sequel to the Gravesend shooting affray was told at the Kent Assizes, before Justice Ridley, when Wm. Beresford Power, a Gravesend schoolmaster, 42 years of age, was indicted for shooting at Geo. Griggs, with intent to murder him, on September 30 last.—Power, who pleaded not guilty, was defended by Mr. Warburton, and Mr. Eustace Fulton.—Mr. Keurick, who prosecuted for the Treasury, described the events which occurred in the school in regard to John Griggs, a younger brother of the injured youth, alluding to a struggle which took place in the class-room, when Power struck the boy Griggs with an ash-stick, as a lamentable scene. He emphasised the point that, after Power had been to London and purchased a revolver and cartridges, he (Power) said before his class at the school: "There will be a tragedy, not a comedy, as there was last time." It would occur to the jury (continued counsel) that if they accepted the statement of prisoner to be true—that he bought the revolver for the purpose of frightening away any possible assailant—it would not have been necessary to have it loaded in all six chambers with live cartridges.—John Griggs, giving evidence, said that in the struggle which occurred between Mr. Power and himself in the school, he struck Power in the eye and bit his finger. Power struck him on the head with a stick.—Judge: Did the headmaster give you the flogging you deserved?—Witness: Yes, sir.—Judge: I should think so. I never heard such a story deliberately told in court. —After ten minutes' deliberation the jury convicted prisoner of unlawful wounding.—The judge passed sentence of ten months' imprisonment.

SOUTHPORT SEQUEL.

DRAMATIC SOLUTION OF THE MYSTERY.

("People" Special Correspondent)

SOUTHPORT, Saturday night.

The mystery of the death of Mrs. Oliver, or Allen, who was on Tuesday found murdered in her residence, in one of the best neighbourhoods here, has been to a large extent solved to-day by the suicide of the man suspected of the crime. The police have all the time held the opinion that this man, by name Henry Jackson, was implicated in the murder, and the fact that he was to-day found with his throat cut—obviously by his own hand—certainly supports their theory. Jackson at one time lived with the victim when she resided in another part of the town, but left her some three years ago after a dispute about money matters. He then started a poultry farm but failed to make it pay, and was in consequence sold up.

In Want of Money.

Jackson has since been seen in the town several times, and was known to be in want of money. On Monday morning, after the discovery of the crime, the police reported that a number of articles of jewellery were missing. These articles comprised a unique gold ring set alternately with sapphires and diamonds in two rows, one diamond ring, and a pair of single-stone diamond ear-rings with a brooch fastening. This jewellery was purchased on Monday by a tradesman who happened to know Jackson some years previously, but who then had no knowledge of the murder.

A Stolen Ring.

On Thursday this tradesman received a visit from another customer who happened casually to mention Jackson's former relationship with Mrs. Oliver. The tradesman at once came to the conclusion that the jewellery in question had belonged to the murdered woman. He communicated with the police, who made efforts to discover Jackson's whereabouts. It was believed that as he had three days' start he would have got clear of the district, but it transpired that he had remained in Southport. Those who knew Jackson felt convinced he would not be taken alive by the police.

Resumed Inquest.

When the inquiry into the death of Mrs. Dorothy Oliver was resumed, the only witness was Saml. Bannister, grocer, Beeston, Notts, who stated that the woman's name was Dorothy Oliver, otherwise known as Allen. She was his cousin, and 59 years of age, and would have been 60 had she lived another fortnight. She was the widow of Wm. Oliver, solicitor's clerk, of Nottingham, but was first married to a man named Allen, who died 30 years ago. She only lived a few months with Oliver, and then resumed her former name of Allen, which she had used ever since. He last saw her alive about five months ago at his own house.—The coroner explained that the inquest had been called then instead of next Tuesday afternoon in order that the burial certificate could be granted.—The inquiry was adjourned till Friday next.

THE SCENE OF THE TRAGEDY. INSET IS MRS. OLIVER, THE VICTIM. (Photo, Topical.

BIRMINGHAM SHOW.

HIS MAJESTY TAKES PRIZES WITH HIS CATTLE.

The King was the largest exhibitor of fat stock at the Birmingham cattle show, which opened at Bingley Hall yesterday, and secured a number of notable successes. In the shorthorn section his Majesty took the breed championship with a two-year-old steer, bred at Windsor and sired by the famous bull, Royal Chieftain. His Majesty was also first in the class for yearling steers with a descendant of Field Marshal H., and secured second ticket in the female class with the symmetrical Royal Star, just over 32 months old. The Royal stock was, however, scarcely so successful in the Hereford classes, the only awards gained being a third for young steers and the reserve in the female class. The breed championship here fell to Sir Richard Cooper, Bart., for his two-year-old steer, Favourite. When the show championship came up for decision the judges were unanimous in favour of the Countess of Seafield's Aberdeen Angus heifer, a class of beast which has not furnished the champions at Birmingham since 1902. For the reserve position Sir Richard Cooper's two-year-old Hereford steer and the King's two-year-old Shorthorn steer were brought into competition, the verdict going in favour of the former.

BOONS TO BUSY MEN.

Nowadays, when there is so much to do and such a limited time in which to do it, a diary becomes an essential part of a business man's equipment. Realising this Messrs. Hudson and Kearns, of Hatfield-st. Works, Stamford-st., S.E., have prepared a series of blotting pad diaries sufficiently varied in size and price to suit all requirements. The "Bankers'" Pad, and also that numbered 8a, offer all in the way of a calendar and other information, together with a diary and daily memorandum table that the ordinary commercial man can need. The constant and increasing use of these pads indicate that they fill a long-felt want.

FOOTBALL.

RUGBY.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

LANCASHIRE 9, YORKSHIRE 0.

About 2,000 people saw this match at Liverpool. Lancashire always held the upper hand, and though the Yorkshiremen defended stoutly they were defeated by 9 points to 0.

SURREY v. MIDLAND COUNTIES.

The following fifteen will represent Surrey against the Midland Counties at Richmond on Wednesday, Dec. 9:—Lieut. G. H. D. O'Lyon (United Service), back; M. J. Lepingwell and R. A. Lepingwell (Old Merchant Taylors), Lieut. N. N. Lapage (United Service) and L. Garrett (Old Alleynians), threequarter backs; Lieut. E. G. Ede and Lieut. Manners (United Service), half-backs; G. C. Wilson, D. P. Smith and V. C. A. Bovet (Richmond), Lieut. E. J. B. Tagg and C. A. Bolton (United Service), N. A. Wright (Old Alleynians), R. H. Inder and C. Dickson (Streatham), forwards.

AUSTRALIANS 8, SOMERSET 0.

At Taunton, before a crowd of about 6,000 spectators. At the last moment Timmins, of Bath, superseded Lieut. Gibbs in the Somerset team. Somerset played several new men, and the side was considered to be the strongest the Cider county had placed in the field for two or three seasons. Somerset started with a strong wind against them, and the Wallabies immediately forced play to their opponents' preserves. With good forward play Somerset worked well into the Australian quarter. A mark by Timmins was taken by Dyte, who failed to land a goal from midfield. Carmichael, the Wallabies' full back, made an excellent attempt to drop. The Australians played an aggressive game. Russell passed to McKivatt, who scored a good try. Carmichael failed to convert. Both teams attacked strongly, but passing between the Wallabies was very weak. Half-time: Australia, 3 points; Somerset, 0.

Upon restarting Waller marked for Somerset, and a scrum in mid-field followed. Runs by Bede-Smith and Mandible ended in Carroll securing the ball and crossing the line; Carmichael adding points. Ascott afterwards tackled in fine fashion, and Somerset well invaded the Australians' ground and seriously threatened their goal. Carey led a fine rush, and play remained in the vicinity of the visitors' goal. Woods made a grand run and crossed the line, but was held up. Duke Dyte failed to score a penalty goal. The Australians put in strenuous work, but Larcombe brought relief. Whitworth, Timmins, Ascott, and Dibble showed to advantage on the Somerset side, and Moran and Carmichael were ever alert for the Australians. Carmichael taking several fliers. Somerset then became very aggressive, Whitworth leading. Tom Woods failed to secure a penalty goal. Moran made a magnificent run. Result: Australia, 1 goal 1 try (8 points); Somerset, 0.

CLUB MATCHES.

LENNOX 46, LONDON HOSPITAL 0.

With a somewhat weak team London Hospital were defeated by Lennox at Wimbledon by 6 goals (1 penalty) and 6 tries (46 points) to 3 tries (9 points). It soon became apparent that Lennox were going to have matters much their own way. Their forwards, the heavier pack, controlled the scrum with comparative ease, with the result that their backs were well supplied with opportunities. The Hospital sadly missed Heale at half, while with their forwards so hopelessly swamped, the backs had more work than they could possibly undertake. At the interval Lennox led by 21 points (3 placed goals, 1 penalty goal, and 1 try) to 6 (2 tries), and on the resumption they added a further 25 points (2 goals and 5 tries), while the Hospital managed to increase their score by 3 points only (1 try). Chatterton, Terry, Hazell, Sintzenich, Chillingworth, Atterbury, and Simmons obtained tries for Lennox (Terry kicking all the goals), and Newbury and Batchelor for the Hospital.

HARLEQUINS 34, LONDON IRISH 0.

Playing a man short for the first 10 minutes at Catford the London Irish were so completely outclassed that Lambert, for whom openings were continually made by the Harlequin half-back, scored three tries, placed all three goals, and wound up with a clever dropped goal. The last of the three tries was the outcome of a splendid bout of passing, in which all the visiting three-quarters had a hand. After that, with their 15 complete, the Irishmen had nearly as much of the play as their rivals, and withnothing else accomplished ends were changed with the Harlequins leading by 19 points to 0. Immediately after the second half opened F. M. Stoop increased the visitors' score with a try, which Lambert converted. Twice afterwards Lambert got in, and, as on all the other occasions, he kicked goals, so that in the end the Harlequins won by 7 goals (one dropped) to 0, in other words, 34 points to 0. The Irish played quite a good forward game, but the backs were distinctly weak, especially in tackling.

LEICESTER 39, LONDON SCOTTISH 4.

In the presence of a company of 8,000 people at Leicester the London Scottish sustained a crushing defeat from the local club. From the start Leicester had the best of matters, Lawrie, Watson, and Smith gaining tries, from one of which Laurie placed a goal. Subsequently Wood dropped a goal for the home side, and Lockhart one for the Scottish. On change of ends, Leicester demonstrated their superiority in even more pronounced fashion. H. Lawrie crossed the visitors' line three times, and Hopkins, Wood, and Watson also scored tries. Three of these place kicks being successful, Leicester won by 5 goals (1 dropped) and 5 tries to a dropped goal.

LONDON WELSH 8, NORTHAMPTON 6.

A capital match resulted from the meeting of these clubs at Northampton. Helped by the wind Northampton held their own for the first quarter of an hour, but then Maddox broke away and scored, Harding placing a goal. Five minutes later Cook following up well crossed the Welshmen's line, Coles, who converted, making the game points all. Before the interval however, Vivian gained an unconverted try for the visitors. Even play marked the struggle after change of ends, but there was no more scoring, London Welsh winning by a goal and a try to a goal.

OLD MERCHANT TAYLORS 18, CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY 13.

At Richmond, before a good company. In the first half neither side settled down, and the play was not of very high class. Each side scored once, Ashcroft getting over for the Varsity and Parker for the Taylors, while Mead and R. A. Leppingwell were successful with the place kicks. In the second half the Taylors went off with a rush and quickly scored twice. Parker intercepted a weak pass by McLeod near the half-way line, and running away scored behind the posts. Not long afterwards, when the Taylors were pressing, Madson got over, and Leppingwell improved both tries. Then the Varsity forwards found themselves, and from that time the visitors had the better of the game. From a penalty outside the 25 and from an awkward angle McLeod dropped a beautiful goal. While the Varsity were pressing Ashcroft got over under the posts and McLeod improved. This was all the scoring, and the Taylors won by 3 placed goals by 2 placed goals and 1 penalty goal.

RICHMOND 6, DUBLIN WORS. 8.

After a very keen game at Richmond, this match ended with the honours easy. It was a clean, sporting game, and possessed many features of interest, and there was really very little to choose between the teams. The tackling all round was very smart and businesslike, and if the Irish forwards had something in hand—and they were particularly good in the "loose"—the Londoners had the better combination behind the pack, and much of their work was capitally executed. As the result, chiefly of the fine play by their forwards, the Irishmen did most of the pressing in the opening half, but they were only once able to score, Hickman gaining a try from a forward rush, which was not improved, but a little later Wilson cleverly ran in with a try for Richmond, and Bovet placed the goal. After changing ends, Richmond all round showed the better form, but Newbold gained another try for the visitors, which Harvey improved. Just before the end, however, Watson got in for Richmond from a nice passing run, and as the place-kick failed, the match ended in a draw, each team having scored a placed goal and a try.

UNITED SERVICES 49, ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL 0.

The Services proved much too strong for the Hospital in this match at Portsmouth, beating them with the utmost ease by 8 goals and 3 tries (49 points) to 0. Neither side was at full strength.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY 32, BLACKHEATH 10.

Played at Blackheath, where the University, after an early set-back won with the greatest ease. Before the game had properly started Blackheath scored through Finlinson and Pillman, Stone converting both. Before the interval, however, Oxford had replied with interest with tries by Gilray, Martin, and Buchanan, all of which were converted by Cunningham. Oxford led by 15 points to 10 at the change of ends. In the second half 5 more tries were scored, but they were all on the 'Varsity side (Gilray (two), Williamson, Cunningham, and Diggle), one of these only being converted. Oxford won by 32 points to 10.

OLD LEYSIANS 18, OLD MILLHILLIANS 7.

Quite a creditable performance was accomplished by the home side in winning by the margin of 18 points to 7 at Wandsworth. The visitors, who were by far the heavier combination, used this advantage to keep matters evenly balanced in the first half of the game. A. N. Dove opened the scoring by running round the blind side of the scrum, and dropping a neat goal for the Old Millhillians. To this the Leysians replied with a try, as a result of a scramble near the line, Mallinson getting over, while Mellor missed the opportunity of improving, and half-time arrived with the scores at 3 points to 4. After Figg had got over for the visitors (this was also not converted) the Old Leysians assumed the upper hand. Pepper dropped a goal for them; then Bell, making use of his pace and handing off several opponents, raced over with a try, and was followed shortly afterwards by Boyd and Pepper with other tries. Mellor managed to improve one of these. Bell would have got in again on one or two occasions but for splendid tackling of Grindley, the full back, whose all-round play was undoubtedly the feature of the match.

Oxford University v. Ealing.—For the last match of the term at Oxford the University gave trials to Burrows, Blencowe, and Osborne (of Oriel), leaving out Braddell and Sayer. An even first half produced no scoring, Burrows and Blencowe missing easy chances. Changing ends, play continued very equal until 10 minutes from the finish, when Wauttaker, the Ealing goalkeeper, only partially saved from Gear, with the result that Burrows scored. Grice equalised for the visitors just on time, and the game ended in a draw of 1 goal each.

Newton Abbott v. Guy's Hospital.—A bright game was seen at Newton. The home side were first to score through Squire, but Medlock equalised and Stokes got a second try for Guy's, who led at the interval by 2 tries to 1. In the second half Newton scored twice through Polyblank and Squires. Guy's equalised towards the close by another try form Stoke after fine passing, and the game was left drawn with the score 1 goal and 2 tries each.

Royal Naval College v. Old Alleynians.—The Alleynians were entirely outplayed at Greenwich, and suffered defeat at the hands of the Royal Naval College by 6 goals 2 tries (56 points) to 1 try (3 points).

Eton College v. Mr. Rawlin's XI.—G. O. Smith and W. J. Oakley, the famous International, made their first appearances on the Eton field as Eton College yesterday, and assisted Mr. F. H. Rawlin's XI. to beat the College team by 3 points to 0. G. O. Smith was as clever as successful as ever, and Oakley kicked with great power and precision.

King's College School O.B., 13 points; Guy's Hospital, 8.

London Devonians, 18 points; Civil Service, 9.

Leaney, 46 points; London Hospital, 0.

Streatham, 3 goals 1 dropped goal 2 tries (36 points); Sutton, 1 try (3).

London Devonians (A), 22 points; Bank of England (A), 0.

London County Council, 16 points; Middlesex Hospital, 8.

Clapham (A), 0; Ilford Wanderers, 0.

Corpus Christi College, Oxford, 18 points; Cheltenham College, 13.

W.O.S.B., 19 points; Old Dunstonians, 3.

Saracens (A), 3 points; Leytonstone (A), 0.

Bedford Grammar, 14 points; Lennox (A), 6.

Blackheath, 11 points; Bromley, 10.

Bishop School, 27 points; Old Kingstonians, 10.

Bedford Ath., 0; Grammar (2nd), 6.

Bank of England, 3 points; Ealing, 0.

Aldenham School, 3; Roan School, 0.

Streatham (B), 9 points; Company Artillery, Chatham, 0.

Old Cheltonians Taylors (2nd), 16 points; Old Alleynians (2nd), 0.

Old Alleynians (A), 3 points; Old Deverians, 3.

Ealing (A), 3 points; Chiswick Park, 0.

Harrow (A), 15 points; Ealing (A), 6.

Saracens, 17 points; Leytonstone, 11.

Leytonstone (A), 3 points; Brentwood St. Thomas, 3.

Park House (A), 8 points; Wasps (2nd), 3.

Park House, 9 points; Wasps, 0.

2nd Life Guards, 8 points; City Albion, 0.

Old Dunstonians (B), 20 points; Old Charltonians (A), 0.

London Welsh (A), 25 points; Goldsmith College, 0.

Penge, Clayton (B), 2 tries 1 penalty goal; London and Westminster Bank (2nd), 0.

Surrey Commercial Docks by 8 points to 4, and Customs beat Ibis by 15 points to 14.

LONDON MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

Results in the Silver Medal Competition are: Reigler beat Musson, Gibbs beat Bernstein, Chapman beat Christison, Roberts beat Thurlow, while the Lyons-Dawes heat is undecided, 6 draws having been played.

CHESS.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES UNION.

At Tunbridge Wells Kent met Sussex, playing 16 boards, and smart games resulted in a drawn match of 8 games all. Kent thus win their section and enter the semi-final.

HOCKEY.

Goodmayes, 5; Wanstead (2nd), 4.
Westminster College (2nd), 5; Battersea (2nd), 0.
Teddington, 3; Bromley, 0.
Teddington (3rd), 9; Stratford (3rd), 1.
Houghton, 3; Northumberland Park, 1.
Chester's Mill, 2; Broomley (2nd), 1.
Leicester's Mill (3rd), 5; Brockley (3rd), 3.
Leicester's Mill (4th), 5; Brockley (4th), 1.
Wanstead, 3; Brockley, 0.
Beckenham (4th) Res., 4, Croydon (5th), 2.
Ealing, 3; Mid-Surrey, 2.
M.A.C.C., 2; Rengate, 1.
Cambridge University, 3; Old Rossallians, 2.
Dorking, 3; Redhill (2nd), 1.
Brighton, 4; Redhill, 1.
Worthing, 2; Brighton Spartans, 1.
Ilford (2nd), 6; Polytechnic (2nd), 3.
North Middlesex (2nd), 5; Crouch End, 3.
North Middlesex (2nd), 6; Crouch End (2nd), 0.
West Ealing, 11; Harrodians, 0.
Wimbledon, 3; Surbiton, 1.
Surbiton (2nd), 5; Wimbledon (2nd), 2.
Surbiton (3rd), 6; Wimbledon (3rd), 0.
Surbiton (4th), 3; Norwood (4th), 0.
Southgate (2nd), 5; Mawza (2nd), 1.
Barnet (2nd), 5; Southgate (3rd), 2.
Southgate (4th), 5; Streatham (3rd), 2.
Streatham (4th), 7; Tulse Hill (2nd), 4.
Broadsbury (4th), 7; Tulse Hill (4th), 3.
Molesey, 5; Richmond, 3.
Beckenham (4th), 6; Croydon (4th), 1.
Croydon, 2; Kew, 0.
Royal Observatory, 3; Erith, 2.
Ipswich, 3; Chelmsford, 2.
Old Rumburstians, 5; St. Anne's, 0.
Ealing, 11; Barnet, 2.
Enfield (2nd), 10; St. James's, Hatcham (2nd), 0.
Watford, 6; Ealing Park, 3.
Watford (2nd), 4; Ealing Park (2nd), 3.
Kingston Grammar School O.B. (2nd), 2; Welling, 4.
Hendon, 4; Muswell Hill, 1.
Croydon (2nd), 2; Kew (2nd), 1.
Dorking and District, 3; Redhill (2nd), 1.
Norwood, 1; Bromley, 1.
Bromley (2nd), 4; Norwood (2nd), 2.
Bromley (3rd), 2; Norwood (3rd), 0.
Norwood (4th), 2; Teddington (4th), 2.
Dardham Down, 5; Walton, 2.
Blackheath and Harrison Artillery, 1.
Novodians (2nd), 0; Shepherd's Bush (2nd), 0.
Wallington, 5; Forest Hill, 1.
Brondesbury, 7; Tulse Hill, 1.
Beckenham (3rd), 6; London County Bank (2nd), 0.
Beckenham (3rd), 6; Malden (2nd), 1.
Manley (2nd), 3; East Finchley, 0.
Mayleigh, 7; Leytonstone, 3.
Feltham, 6; West Ham, 0.
Richmond (2nd), 2; Molesey (2nd), 0.
Richmond (4th), 5; Kingston Grammar School (2nd), 4.
Kingston Grammar School, 5; Oak, 2.
Epsom and Ewell, 4; Merton, 4.
Woodford (2nd), 3; Bank of England (2nd), 1.
Hampstead, 4; Staines, 0.
Novodian Ladies, 6; New Barnet Ladies, 2.
Brondesbury (3rd), 5; Tulse Hill (3rd), 1.
Orest Western Rly., 2; St. Bart.'s Hospital (2nd), 1.
Oxford University, 5; Oxfordshire, 2.
Dulwich, 1; Dulwich C.C., 1.
Dulwich (2nd), 1; Dulwich C.C. (2nd), 0.
Woodford, 4; Bank of England, 4.
Beckenham (2nd), 12; Orpington, 0.
Brondesbury, 3; St. Albans, 1.
London and County, 9; Richmond (3rd), 2.
Kew Green, 2; Olympia, 0.
Oxford Casuals, 3; Reading College, 0.
William Ford, 4; Oxford High School, 1.
Southfields, 6; Oxford Isis, 1.
Blackheath, 7; East Sheen, 3.
Caterham, 3; Kidbrooke, 2.
Kingston, 10; Barnes, 2.
Kingston (2nd), 11; Barnes (2nd), 2.
Kingston (3rd), 7; Thames Ditton (2nd), 2.

LACROSSE.

Kent v. Essex.—This match was played on the ground of the Catford Club, when Kent gained an easy victory by 6 goals to 1.

TRIAL MATCH AT OXFORD.

In a trial game at Oxford, yesterday, in which Balliol and St. John's opposed the rest of the 'Varsity, the former proved successful by 6 goals to 3.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

New York, Saturday.—Wheat closed steady, unchanged to 1⅛c. up. Flour quiet. Corn easy. Coffee steady at about the opening changes. Cotton steady, with November 2 points cheaper and other months mostly unchanged to 2 points dearer. Spot quiet and unchanged. Petroleum steady. Tallow firm. Sugar quiet. Iron firm. Tin and Copper quiet. At Chicago Wheat closed barely steady, unchanged to ⅛c. down. Corn easy at ⅛c. to ⅛c. dearer. Oats easy, ⅛c. to ⅛c. cheaper. Provisions steady, Lard being unchanged to 2½ points down; Pork unchanged to 5 points up, and Ribs unchanged to 2½ points higher. Bacon steady and Hogs easy.

New York, Saturday.—The Stock Market closed feverish and unsettled. Government Bonds steady. Railroad Bonds irregular. Atchison Topeka Preferred, Erie General Lien and Union Pacific Preferred advanced 1; Chicago Milwaukee Common, Chicago Milwaukee Preferred, Missouri Kansas Second Mortgage, and Reading First Preferred, ½; Great Northern Preferred, ¼; Norfolk and Western Common, 1½; ditto Convertible Bonds, ⅜; General Electric, 3⅜; and Western Union Telegraphs, 2. Baltimore and Ohio Common, Southern Preferred, Southern Pacific Common, Wabash Preferred, and National Lead declined ½; Chicago and Great Western Common, Southern shares, Union Pacific Common and Boston Copper, ⅜; Chicago Great Western Debentures, Chicago North Western Common, Delaware and Hudson, and American Smelting and Refining Common, 1; Louisville and Nashville, Reading shares, Southern Pacific Common, and Amalgamated Copper, 1. Money on call nominal. Sterling exchange firm unchanged to 10 points up.

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Do. U.S. Pass., 104	Do. 1st Cs. 4's R., 81 asked
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Canadian Pac., 175⅝	People's Gas Co., 98
Cent. New Jersey, 210	Do. 1st Cs., 88
Chesap'ke Ohio, 48	Do. 4% Mort., 100
Do. New 4½'s, 103⅝	Rock Island, Com., 22⅝
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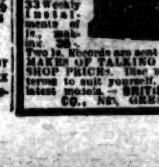

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The ingredients required for this are ½lb. flour, 6oz. currants, 6oz. raisins, ½lb. chopped suet, ½lb. brown sugar, ½lb. mashed carrot, ½lb. mashed potatoes, a tablespoonful of treacle, and 1oz. each of candied lemon and citron peel. Mix the flour, currants, suet and sugar well together; stir in the mashed carrot and potato; add the treacle and candied peel. Tie it loosely in a cloth, allowing the pudding room to swell, and boil for four hours. This pudding must have no liquid added to it, and is better made the day before serving, as it does not keep so well as the first recipe.

A Very Simple Plum-Pudding.

Take ½lb. grated bread, ½lb. finely minced suet, a tablespoonful of flour, ½lb. currants, 2oz. of brown sugar, and a wineglassful of brandy. Mix all together with a sufficient quantity of milk to make it into a stiff batter. Boil it in a cloth for four hours.

Plum Cake.

Mix 5oz. butter in 3lb. fine dry flour and 5oz. of moist sugar. Add 6oz. currants, washed and dried, and ½oz. of allspice. Put three tablespoonfuls of yeast into a pint of warm new milk, and add it to the flour, etc., making it into a light dough. Bake in a buttered pan.

Icing for Christmas Cakes.

To ½lb. fine sifted sugar add the whites of two eggs which have been beaten with a little water, and strain. Whisk it for a long time till it is quite smooth. Lay the icing equally on the surface with a flat spoon, or a long flat brush. Lemon juice well beaten in with the sugar and egg will make a good white icing, while for red prepared cochineal should be used. Another method is to allow the whites of two eggs and ½oz. fine starch to every ½lb. of loaf sugar. If this be put on the cakes as soon as they are withdrawn from the oven it will become firm and hard by the time the cakes are cold. All iced cakes should be kept in a very dry place. In no case should the icing be painted on until the cake is nearly cooked.

Almond Paste for Cakes.

Steep one pound of almonds for 12 or 15 hours, remove the skins, dry and pound them, and pass them through a sieve. Soak two ounces of gum tragacanth for 12 hours in half a pint of water, squeeze it through a cloth on to a marble slab, and work into it thoroughly one pound of powdered loaf sugar. Add the almonds by degrees, then another pound of sugar, and put it in a basin covered with a damp cloth. When needed for use, add more sugar till it becomes a stiff paste, and whatever colouring is desired.

Potato Bread.

Boil a quantity of potatoes in their skins. When done, peel them, and bruise them with a rolling pin until they form the consistency of paste. Add an equal quantity of flour and some yeast. Knead them well, put in as much water as may be necessary. When properly kneaded, form them into loaves and place them in the oven. Take care that the oven be not quite so hot as for ordinary baking, or the bread will become hard on the outside before the inside is properly baked. This bread takes a longer time to bake than the ordinary kind.

Plead Cakes.

In 1lb. of flour well mix half a teaspoonful of baking powder, and for this amount of flour allow from 6oz. to 10oz. of the plead or fresh lard of a newly-killed pig; also allow 4oz. of castor sugar. Carefully remove all skin from the plead, and scrape it with a knife into flakes. Roll these out on the paste board with the mixture of flour and baking powder, then mix the sugar, rubbing all in well to the flakes of fat. Add enough water to make a stiff dough. Then roll out the dough, doubling it up two or three times and rolling it out again, repeating the process two or three times, and when finally rolled out get it to about the thickness of the third of an inch, and cut it into round cakes with the top of a tumbler. Prick the cakes in the centre and bake. They are usually eaten warm, and quite plain. The plead when made up by the same recipe forms what is considered a delicious crust for either fruit or meat pies.

Oatmeal Cakes.

Very good, economical, unfermented oatmeal cakes may be made by soaking 1lb. of oatmeal for 12 hours in a pint of sour buttermilk. Now into 1lb. of flour rub 1oz. of carbonate of soda and a pinch of salt, and mix it with the oatmeal. Roll it out to any thickness required and bake it in a moderate oven. These are excellent for hungry children, and may be eaten with either butter or treacle.

To Freshen Bad Yeast.

Bad yeast may be improved by bleaching. This is done by beating up the yeast with an equal quantity of water and the white of one egg to each quart of yeast. In 12 hours pour off the thin liquor. What remains will be an improved yeast.

Wine Whey.

Boil a pint of milk and pour into it three glasses of sherry or raisin wine. Bring it again to the boiling point; let it stand a minute till the curd forms, then remove the curd and strain and sweeten the whey to taste.

Ale Posset.

Boil a pint of new milk together with a slice of toasted bread. Sweeten and season a bottle of mild ale in a china basin, and pour over it the boiling milk. It is ready to serve when the head rises.

THE HOME PAGE

DRESS.

The business girl, as well as the society woman, recognises the importance of being well abreast of fashion in the matter of clothes. Her frocks may be simple but they must be up-to-date, for it is well known that many a young typist and other business girl has won her post through the neatness of her appearance. People in all stations of life are summed up by their clothes, nowadays, and so it comes about that the woman, even in very humble circumstances, needs to be careful in the matter of dress and attire herself as well as her pocket will allow. The

THE "RITA" SHIRT.

second-hand clothes dealer has no sale for goods, even of really good quality, that are old-fashioned in cut, since ready-made blouses and costumes of the latest pattern are now offered new for surprisingly small sums, and style is of more account than quality.

Shirts and blouses are ever a fascinating topic, and for every-day garments of the kind there is nothing prettier or more seasonable than fancy flannel or delaine. A morning shirt of one or other of the new striped flannels is just the thing that the business girl wants to complete her tailor-made coat and skirt of cloth or serge, and what could better represent smart simplicity than the dainty little frilled "Rita" shirt in our sketch? It is of light blue and cream striped flannel, the stripes running perpendicular on the fronts and back, while on the sleeves and collar they are circular. The chief feature of the shirt is the frill of cream-coloured cambric that runs down the front, similar frillings in a narrower width decorating the wrists of the tight-fitting sleeves and the top edge of the collar. Little buttons of cream flannel stud the shirt in front, and the draped waist is finished with a button and ends of the striped material. The frilling saves the shirt from being too severe, and can, of course, be bought ready-made by the yard.

The subject of hygiene has been brought so much to the fore of late years that health exercises are now included as a matter of course in the daily routine of school life, and, in consequence, the schoolgirl requires, as an essential thing, a gymnastic suit to be included in her outfit for either boarding or day school. With a little thought on the part of the designer, a gymnastic costume can be contrived that will suit the needs, also, of ordinary school or home wear, and need not be reserved exclusively for class purposes. The suit should consist of a blouse, bloomers, and skirt-piece of navy-blue serge, the blouse having no collar-band, but being quite easy at the neck and finished with a turned-down collar and silk tie; the long sleeves, finished with turned-back cuffs, being loose enough on the lower part to be easily rolled up to the elbows for gymnastic purposes. The bloomers should be run with an elastic at the waist and again at the knees, and a few tucks on the upper part will be an improvement. As for the skirt, this can be a plain gored model or box-pleated after the fashion of a "sailor" skirt. Our sketch shows the gymnastic suit without the skirt, the collar and cuffs faced with sulphur-coloured cloth.

An item of dress that is very influential in dating a toilette as of yester-year or to-day is the sleeve, and in renovating a dress that has already had good wear it is sometimes sufficient to provide it with a new pair of sleeves in order to give it a modish appearance. To-day it is the long, tight-fitting sleeve that carries all before it, and has replaced the three-quarter sleeve in the favour of Fashion. It is particularly well-suited to thin or transparent fabrics that lend themselves to rucked effects. See, for instance, the charming sleeves of rucked lace that are allied to the costume here sketched, a little frill running up the outer seams and falling also over the hands. The dress could be copied in cloth, voile, or nun's veiling, with a trimming of fancy galon or lace insertion bordered with narrow velvet ribbon. The toilette combines a fichu and tunic effect, with a broad sash at the waist and a yoke and high collar of lace, matching the sleeves. The fastening is at the back. Carried out in pale blue (or brown) nun's veiling, at 1s. 0½d. the yard, or in thin cloth or voile at 1s. 6½d., with a little dark rose colour

THE GABRIELLE COSTUME.

in the embroidery, the dress would be charming.

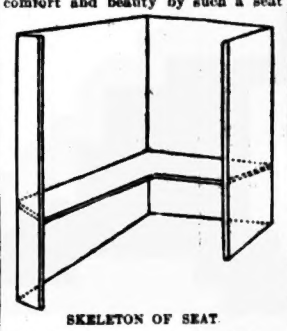
How to Obtain Patterns.

Patterns of any dress sketches given on this page may be obtained by enclosing the requisite amount in stamps, together with the sketch, with name and address. Address orders to "The People," Milford-lane, and mark envelope "Pattern" to avoid delay. Patterns are supplied in small, medium, and large sizes. Prices:—Blouses, Bodices, Skirts, Short Coats, Children's Frocks or Underwear, 3½d. each. Dressing Gowns, Long Coats, Evening Wraps, Waterproofs, Dust Coats, or Princess Gowns, 6½d. each. Patterns cut to measure in all cases double. Plain Bodice Lining in Tailors' Lining, 1s. 3d.

THE HOME BEAUTIFUL.

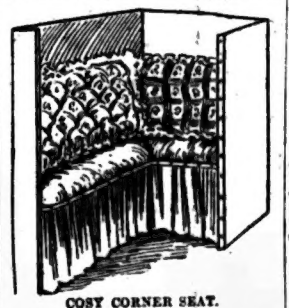
Pretty Corner Seat.

Many and varied are the ways in which the amateur carpenter can beautify the home at a small amount of outlay. A vacant corner, for instance, otherwise bare and ugly, is at once transformed into a thing of comfort and beauty by such a seat



SKELETON OF SEAT.

as is shown in our sketch. This is constructed with 2in. battens which, if sufficiently well fastened together, should prove strong enough for the average weight. The skeleton drawing will give an idea as to how



COSY CORNER SEAT.

these battens should be placed. When the framework is complete, the first thing to do is to cover it entirely with canvas, padding the seats and the front part of back with straw, hay, or any clean scraps of material that may not be needed for something more important. Now with some pretty cretonne, cover the canvas, fastening it to the wood with some ornamental brass tacks. A frill or box-pleated draping, also fixed with the brass tacks, gives the requisite finish. With the addition of a couple of cushions, an artistic and comfortable seat should be the result.

Good Gum.

Mix 1½oz. of gum arabic, 1½oz. of distilled vinegar, and 1oz. white sugar together. Or take 1lb. gum arabic, 1 pint of water, and 1oz. parchment size. Boil till well dissolved, then strain. Add oil of cloves when cold, to prevent it going sour.

HOME HINTS.

To Save Fuel.

An excellent plan for the saving of fuel is to cover kitchen and other grates with a little fine wire netting. This will prevent the small live coals falling through to the ash pan, and, in consequence, the fire will keep in nearly twice as long. A piece of wire doubled will wear from two to three weeks, when it should be renewed. The small outlay for the wire netting will be doubly repaid by the saving of coal.

To Cut or File Glass.

Camphor dissolved in turpentine is the thing to use for this. A file, drill, or saw, dipped in this mixture will enable anyone to change the shape of glass. Broken dishes may be trimmed down to look like new, the tops of bottles may be safely cut off, broken cup handles may be sawn off, thus converting the cup into a basin—in fact, anything that can be done with iron or glass is rendered easy by the above method.

To Extract a Splinter.

A splinter which has been driven deep into the hand may be extracted without pain by steaming. Nearly fill a wide-mouth jar or bottle with very hot water, and place the injured portion of the hand over the mouth of the vessel and press tightly. The flesh will be drawn down by suction, and in a short time the steam will extricate the splinter without leaving any inflammation.

Housekeeper's Scrapbook.

A great deal of time and labour would be saved if every housewife kept a scrapbook in which she pasted any recipe or hint she might read which appeared to be of value to her. An excellent book for the purpose may be made of brown paper, the scraps being put in by means of ordinary flour paste. There should be a separate set of pages for the chief letters of the alphabet so that, for instance, if the housewife wishes to refer to a recipe for cherry wine, she would quickly find it by turning to the pages marked C. In course of time such a scrap book comes to have a marketable value, especially if the scraps are cut from a variety of newspapers.

Potato Stains on the Hands.

Peeling potatoes is apt to leave an ugly dark stain upon the fingers, but a simple and easy way to avoid this is to place the potatoes in a basin and pour water over them. Then dip the hand which holds the knife into the water as each piece of peel is taken off, and keep the potato wet as well. The hands will then be kept as clean as possible under the circumstances.

Oven Hints.

If the oven is too cold, pie-crust will be heavy and have a dull look, and biscuit will not rise and be of feathery lightness. See that the oven is free from soot. If clogged, the draughts are interfered with and the temperature of the oven will not be regular and even; the bottom especially will be cold, and bread and cakes will not rise and bake as they should.

THE NURSERY.

Happy Meals.

It is a matter of common experience that anger, grief, depression, anxiety, not only take away appetite but have a deleterious effect on digestion; while mirth, joy, laughter, jollity, have the opposite effect. Who has not known those who could go to a party or a picnic, and there, amid lively conversation, partake unharmed of many a dish which, eaten in the dismal, forbidding silence of

THE GYM DRESS (see Dress).

some home tables, would have been disastrous to comfort, and insured a wakeful night, to say the least. This fact, applied by the mother, will lead her to choose some other than meal-time for needed reproofs or to air the disagreeables of housekeeping. As she gathers her brood about the tables faces and hands freshly washed, she will do her best to make them happy there. It is the time (says a writer in "The Mother's Magazine") to relate pleasant happenings, the time for jokes and harmless repartee. She will show appreciation of the children's fun, while keeping it within proper limits.

Especially do children need that training which many grown persons have lacked—the training which forbids the bringing up of any unpleasant, disgusting topic of conversation. There are too many—in most respects well-bred—who do not hesitate to talk about snakes, seasickness, dentistry, diseases, surgical operations and topics equally repulsive.

CHIT CHAT FOR GIRLS.

Sweethearts.

No sensible person ever blames a girl for having a sweetheart, since it is just as natural for the young girl to have a beau as it is for a daisy to nod and smile at its mate in the meadows. The only thing that is blameworthy, however, is when the girl chooses a sweetheart whom she is afraid or ashamed to bring into her own particular family circle. She should be as fastidious over the choice of a sweetheart as she is over that of a new hat—and more so. A mother will always love her daughter's boy friend if she knows him to be the kind of companion who will protect her instead of leading her astray. The boy who goes gladly into the home of "his girl," who doesn't find it a bore to talk to her old relatives, and who doesn't stand about the streets smoking and gossiping with other fellows—this is the sort of sweetheart who will turn into a good husband. But, alas! such boys are few and far between.

Chapped Lips.

If any of my girl readers suffer from this distressing complaint they should have this paste made up at their chemists. Oxide of zinc, one part; cold cream, 15 parts; oil of almonds, 15 parts; and cacao butter, 15 parts. A little of this should be rubbed on the lips night and morning and before going out into cold winds. Nothing tends to make the lips chap more quickly than biting them or keeping them moist with the tongue.

Love Customs Over the Seas.

In the picturesque island of Celebes, far across the seas, a quaint custom prevails. When a youth first falls in love with a maiden he sends her a betel-nut, and if she is prepared to accept him she sends him a similar offering. Before the wedding day the prospective bridegroom gives his bride nine more betel-nuts as a token of good faith, and the officiating priest chews a nut during the ceremony. In some parts of the Philippine Islands the bridegroom presents the bride with a human head, part of a heart, and a finger or two. Some savage tribes consider the birth of twins a terrible misfortune, but in Herero, Africa, the general opinion about children is "Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them!"

A Proverb in Verse.

"For every ill beneath the sun,
There is some remedy or none;
If there be one, resolve to find it;
If not, submit, and never mind it."

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

WHOLE MELE.—Have you tried the oat cakes given in the "Housekeeper?"

C. E. S.—Many thanks for the old cutting from "The Poppet" on Bead cakes.

B. L. D.—Procure a cake of good reliable dye soap and use according to directions on packet.

R. B.—Consult a veterinary surgeon. I cannot instruct you on the point in these columns.

E. SPINDLER.—Recipe for beetroot wine appeared on Oct. 18.

ROSEY PARKER.—You omitted to send coupon. See our rules below. Please write again.

H. H.—See reply to "Meta." Many thanks for your nice remarks about the "Home Page."

DEVONIAN.—See recipe for Xmas pudding in the "Housekeeper."

A. SHARP and WENDOVER.—See our "Miscellaneous" column, page 2, for your reply.

PANSY MAY.—"Do You Know" Recipe for marrow jam was given on this page, Aug. 30. Send 1½d. in stamps to publisher for a copy.

E. GODFREY.—Write to Samuel, Herbalist, 144, Richmond-rd., Cardiff, for the information on blackberry leaves.

A. HILL.—Consult a "London Directory" at the Post Office, which will give you all the information you desire.

PIRATE BOLD.—You can do nothing but hang the earmolds out in the air until the smell is gone.

B. H. STOCKTON.—Directions for curing skins appeared on this page, April 19 and Oct. 11. Copies may be had of publisher for 1½d. each in stamps.

PERCY HARRIS.—You can do nothing unless there is a proper damp course through the house. A regular current of fresh air is the only effectual damp-resister.

MARROW.—Recipe for mock preserved ginger from vegetable marrow appeared on this page, Aug. 30, in reply to "Sea Toy." Send 1½d. in stamps to publisher.

ESS VER.—To make your hair all grey you would need to use a bleach, and I do not care to recommend anything of this kind. Your best plan would be to go to a thoroughly reliable hairdresser.

MRS. HASTEN.—Many thanks for your letter telling me that Bead cakes are given by Yorkshire farmers' wives to their labourers, and are made of "thirds, flour and scrape left after lard is rendered down."

GOLANT.—Ammonia and water should clean your sponge. Perhaps you have not used sufficient ammonia? Sometimes immersing a sponge in cold buttermilk overnight, then rinsing, is effectual.

A. V. C.—You seem to have tried every possible remedy. I am afraid I can suggest nothing further. A drachm of camphor dissolved in 2ozs. of spirits of wine and sprinkled over the furniture should prevent any future attack by moth.

ALD H.—I am glad the directions for getting rid of ants were so successful. Try Keating's powder for the other trouble you mention, or common pepper. Boiling salt and water if inside the wood.

R. G.—Full name and address should always be given when asking queries. Write to Trimnell, Herbalist, 144, Richmond-rd., Cardiff. He will probably be able to tell you about the black-berry leaves.

CELERY-AT-SUNDAY.—Brushing with flour should clean the white felt hats, but if this is not successful, try covering them with a paste made of pipeclay, water and white precipitated chalk, brushing off when dry.

META.—You can obtain the walnut husks from Messrs. Weaving, Rees, or from Bardsley's Stores, or Spiers and Pond's Stores, London, in any quantities. I should advise you to ask for a shilling's worth to begin with. Many thanks for your kind remarks about the "Home Page."

FRANCES.—Potted ox-cheek is made by boiling the cheek with water and vegetables until tender. Cut it up, strain the gravy, season it with varied spices, boil up again for some time, then pour into stoneware basins, and when set turn it out.

OLIVE.—To clean your grass hat, try this method: Shave up some pure white curd soap, mix with it a little pearlash, and pour on boiling water. When lukewarm, dip a tooth brush into the liquid and brush the hat, using clean warm water finally. Dry gradually before a fire. Then brush with a hard brush.

V. HARDY.—To remove the discolouration from the piano-keys, rub them with pure lemon juice, then put some prepared chalk or whiting on a damp flannel and rub again. Take care that none of the powder or liquid gets between the keys. Should this treatment fail, you would need to use sulphuric acid, mixed with an equal amount of water.

VICTOR.—To make treacle-toffee, use 1lb. treacle, ½lb. moist sugar, and ½lb. butter. Put the butter first into an enamelled saucepan, then add the others, stirring with a knife. Boil over a clear fire for 10 minutes. When a drop becomes crisp by placing in cold water the toffee is done. Pour into buttered pans.

J. E. HALE.—To freshen fast hat, pour a pint of boiling water over a pennyworth of ammonia; see that all dust is removed, then brush the hat with a stiff brush dipped in the above, using clean water afterwards. Grease marks may be removed by turpentine. A flannel dipped in benzine is the thing to use on a mackintosh. But take care there are no lights, as both turpentine and benzine are highly inflammable.

ANCONDA.—White wine vinegar is made by taking any sort of white wine that has gone through the process of fermentation and putting it into a cask which has had vinegar in it. Then some of the fruit or dregs of the wine that has been made are put in a wet state into an open bung-hole cask, exposed to the sun. A coarse cloth is placed on top and allowed to remain for six days, after which the casks are put by for the vinegar and stirred well. The cask is then put in a warm place, with a piece over the bung-hole, and occasionally stirred. When ready, rack off into a clean cask. Meat becomes more tender by hanging—in cold weather from four to eight days. See pickling and salting notes on this page, June 4, June 28, and Oct. 11.

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IN THE COURTS YESTERDAY.

STORIES TOLD TO MAGISTRATES AND CORONERS.

CHANCERY DIVISION.

A LOSS OF £320,000.

Justice Warrington reserved judgment in the action brought against Lord Amherst of Hackney and the representatives of the late Capt. Dowler, who with Lord Amherst was trustee of the estate of the late Mr. A. Fountaine, a Norfolk squire.—The claim of plaintiff.—Mrs. Fountaine, daughter of testator, and her son, Mr. C. A. Fountaine—was to make Lord Amherst and the other defendants liable in respect of the misappropriation by the late Mr. C. Cheston, a City solicitor, of between £60,000 and £70,000 of the Fountaine trust funds. The statute of limitation was set up against Mrs. Fountaine. It was stated by Lord Amherst's counsel that his lordship had been deceived by Mr. Cheston, and that he himself had suffered loss to an extent of a quarter of a million through having placed confidence in the solicitor.

KING'S BENCH DIVISION.

LODGER IN OWN HOUSE.

A debtor who appeared on a judgment summons before Justice Bigham said that his wife allowed him his board and 10s. a week.—Judge: I see, you are a lodger in your own house. (Laughter.) What do you do with the 10s.?—Debtor: I spend it on tobacco and other expenses.—Judge: Open your overcoat.—The debtor did so.—Judge: Where is the heavy watch-chain you are said to be wearing?—Debtor: I have pawned it.—Judge: And your wife's diamonds—are they in pawn?—Debtor: No; but they are not exactly diamonds. (Laughter.)—Judge: You must pay £7 a month. If you don't you will probably go to prison.

GUILDHALL.

A FORGED CHARACTER.

A forged character figured in a case in which Hy. Norris, 35, was charged on a warrant with attempting to obtain employment at the Great Eastern Rly. Hotel, Liverpool-st., by means of a forged character.—Mr. Corser, prosecuting for the G.E. Rly. Co., said the offence was a very serious one, for had accused succeeded in obtaining the berth he sought the results might have been serious. Applying to the chef of the hotel for a place in the kitchen, accused produced a good written character, purporting to have been given to him by a recent employer—a Mr. Carter, of Elthorne-avenue, Hanwell. Inquiries showed it to be a forgery, and that although accused was some distant relation to Mr. Carter, that gentleman gave him a very indifferent character.—Fined 10s., or three weeks' hard labour.

MIDDLESEX SESSIONS.

LED AWAY BY BOOKMAKERS.

"You appear to have been led away by the vicious promises of bookmakers," said the presiding chairman when dealing with Frank Wm. Kemp, 28, sign writer, Francis Geo. Short, 23, post-office sorting clerk, and Wm. Alfd. Bennett, 33, postman, all of Teddington, who surrendered to their bail, charged with attempting to obtain money by false pretences.—The case was gone into at considerable length at the last sessions, when the evidence showed that fraud was attempted by altering a post-office stamp, whereby the letters were apparently posted before 12.30 p.m., whereas they did not leave the hands of the person despatching them until some hours later. By these means prisoners were able to back horses to win after receiving intelligence of the results of the races.—It was stated that all three prisoners were most respectably connected, and strong appeals were made for lenient treatment.—Prisoners were bound over to come up for judgment if called upon.

THAMES.

NO JURISDICTION.

A strange paternity case was heard when Harris Krazer, Commercial-rd., was summoned, at the instance of Millie Morris, Rutland-st., Stepney, in respect of her child. Defendant was not present, as he was suffering from influenza.—Mr. Bedford, for defendant, wished to know whether at the time the summons was applied for it was stated the child was born in New York, U.S.A., which was without the jurisdiction of the English courts.—Mr. Young, for complainant, said he would admit the child was born in the city of New York, but the father had paid money in respect of the child, thereby admitting its paternity.—Mr. Bedford said that had nothing to do with the question. Under the circumstances the court had no jurisdiction in the matter, and he quoted a case in support of his contention.—Mr. Dickinson said that undoubtedly was the law. There would be no order.—Mr. Bedford said under the circumstances he would make no application for costs.

BOW-STREET.

BURGLAR'S SACRILEGE.

A singular feature of a case of sacrilege at the Chapel Royal, Savoy, was the finding of a picture postcard on the altar expressing thanks for the "brass," but regretting that the safe was not left open. In connection with the offence Wm. Sullivan and Sidney Ward were charged. During Friday night the church was forcibly entered by men who broke a glass panel in the main entrance door. They ransacked a number of drawers in the vestry, and strewed cassocks and surplices about the floor. The altar was stripped of everything of value, and other things estimated to be worth £20 were taken away. Among the things stolen were four altar vases, two candlestick tops and ornaments, two candle holders, four columns, two centres, bell, bell standard, sacrament cloth, and a linen cover. The picture postcard on the altar read:

Dear Sir,—I thank you for your brass, but you might just as well have left the safe open.

Yesterday morning P.C. 149 saw prisoners and another man walking along the Old Bailey; Sullivan was carrying a heavy bag on his shoulder. The officer stopped him, and found that the sack contained a number of church ornaments. Witness asked Sullivan to account for their possession, and the latter replied, "You will have to find out." He was then taken into custody. Two hours afterwards Det.-sergt. Collins and Det. Webb arrested Ward at a mission-room in Willow-st., Shoreditch. On being told that he answered the description of the man who was in Sullivan's company when the latter was arrested, he said, "I expected this. I knew you would be after me. This morning the City 'copper' saw me with Sullivan and stopped him. I did not do the job; all I know about it is that Sullivan and his friend came along the Embankment to me this morning with the stuff. They showed it to me, and said they had got it from the Savoy Chapel. I was only going with them to help to sell the stuff."—Prisoners remanded.

WESTMINSTER.

EX-SOLDIER'S OFFENCE.

Discharged in May from the Northamptonshire Regt., J. H. Johnson was charged on remand with uttering a forced certificate of character. The parchment, apparently in perfect order and with every appearance of official genuineness, which prisoner showed for the purpose of obtaining employment, was submitted for confirmation to the War Office. It was then found to be a forgery on one of the War Office forms. To Det.-sergt. Brown prisoner made an admission as to how the form was obtained from an orderly room and filled up by another soldier.—Capt. R. Drake said that the War Office had been unable to ascertain who forged this particular certificate. — Prisoner pleaded that he had only been actuated by the desire to make a fresh start in civilian life.—Fined £10 or a month's imprisonment.

MARYLEBONE.

EXCITING SCENE AT A STATION.

Looking very miserable and dejected, Annie Riddler, 47, married, of Clarendon-st., Paddington, was charged with attempting to commit suicide.—Rbt. W. Jolly said he was in the signal-box near Royal Oak Station the previous day, when hearing a commotion on the platform he looked out, and saw accused walking in the permanent way along side the live line which electrified the trains. Knowing the imminent danger she was in witness hurried down the line, and did his best to get her away from the live line. As he did so she resisted him, and shouted, "I will do it. I will do it." Having obtained assistance he got her up on to the platform of the station, where she fainted. She appeared to be quite sober. When she recovered she made a statement to the effect that she would do it again.—Accused: I am very sorry. I have had a lot of trouble. I didn't mean any harm.—Mr. Plowden said he saw from a report before him that accused was not in a satisfactory state of health.—Remanded for a doctor to see her.

MAGISTRATE AND TIMID LADY.

Among the applicants to Mr. Plowden was a well-dressed, middle-aged woman, wearing spectacles and a heavy veil. "I want a warrant for the arrest of a man on a charge of murder," she whispered. "Murder!" exclaimed Mr. Plowden. "Well, I am thankful it is not you."—"But it is me," she replied. "Oh, are you murdered?" inquired Mr. Plowden, anxiously. "No sir, certainly not; nor should I like to be murdered by a man like him."—Mr. Plowden evidently did not catch this little gem, but proceeded to remind the woman that she had said she was murdered. "Oh, no," she replied seriously, "but he has threatened to do it since Monday."—Mr. Plowden: Oh, only threatened!—She went on to explain that she lived with her cousin, a married woman, in John-st., Edgware-rd., and the man referred to had come there in the morning. He was nothing to her personally, but he was her cousin's divorced husband—"and he's a blackguard."—Mr. Plowden: Oh, no, we will spare that for the moment. Tell me why should he want to murder you? Because he thinks we work together, which we do, very hard, machining. And he has threatened my cousin's life as well.—Mr. Plowden questioned applicant as to the alleged threats, and in refusing the application for a warrant said she had convinced him that her life was not in the least danger.

MARLBOROUGH-STREET.

WEST-END CLUB THEFT.

Six months' hard labour was the sentence on Benjamin Jackson, waiter, of Marcia-rd., Old Kent-rd., for stealing a £10 note and £5 10s. in gold belonging to Mr. T. Down, solicitor, of Brandon-rd., Lee, and a member of the Conservative Club, St. James's-st., S.W.—Mr. Down stated that on Nov. 16 he had tea at the club. After leaving he missed his purse containing the money, and later in the evening went back to look for it, being assisted in his search by prisoner, who was a waiter there, but failed to find it. Subsequently the note, the number of which he had taken, was passed through the Balham branch of the London and County Bank.—Fredk. Lucas, another waiter at the club, deposed that prisoner, on Nov. 17, asked him to cash a £10 note, which he did, receiving from prisoner the return of a loan of 15s. and a gratuity of 5s.—Jackson, in pleading guilty, told the magistrate that he spent more than usual on his holiday this year, and in consequence his stock became short. He had also spent some money in betting.—Mr. Mead, in sentencing accused, said the latter's admission of spending money on betting only aggravated the case.

WEST LONDON.

UNEMPLOYED: A TEST CASE.

Six working men belonging to the unemployed were summoned for collecting alms in certain streets of Ammersmith without a permit from the Commissioners of Police.—Mr. E. Barker stated that the case was somewhat of the nature of a test case, because not only in ammersmith but in other parts of London processions of unemployed men were going about making general collections throughout the streets, and not confining themselves to those spots as regarded which they had received permission to collect. The ringleader of this particular body of unemployed was John Lyons, who persisted in collecting and enjoining his fellows to collect along the streets after receiving warning from the police.—P.S. Loader gave evidence respecting the collections made by the men along the line of route.—Defendant Lyons said they all admitted the charge, and they pleaded that they were driven by pressure to seek collections at other places that the permitted spots.—The magistrate ordered each of the six defendants to enter into his own recognisances in 5s. to keep the peace and be of good behaviour for one month.

TOWER BRIDGE.

ALLEGED BLACKMAIL.

"I am glad you have found me out. It might have been £20,000. I have been blackmailed by a woman and her mob, and my life has been a curse." The above statement is alleged to have been made to prosecutor by Roger Bowles, 41, cashier, of Gresham-rd., Brixton, who was charged, on remand, with embezzling the moneys of his employer, Mr. A. Josephs, rag and metal merchant, of Earl-st., London-rd. — It was stated at previous hearings that prisoner was manager and cashier, and was entrusted with authority to draw cheques on Mr Joseph's banking account. He had, it was alleged, abused prosecutor's confidence by falsifying his accounts, and the total amount of his defalcations was estimated at £7,000.—Additional evidence having been given, prisoner was further remanded in custody, being unable to find £400 bail.

LAMBETH.

THE ALIENS' ACT.

Describing himself as an engineer, a man giving the name of Henry Foreman, of Albert-rd., Peckham, was charged with being an alien found in the United Kingdom and failing to comply with an expulsion order made by the Secretary of State. —Det.-sergt. Holford stated that on Friday afternoon he saw prisoner in Albert-rd., and told him he would be arrested for being an alien found in this country after an expulsion order had been made against him in September, 1906. Prisoner replied, "I went to Germany, and I came back here to bury a girl who died. I have been back in this country about six weeks. If you will take me back to the ship I will go back to Germany to-day."—A remand was asked for, it being stated that prisoner had been expelled from this country on two occasions.—Remanded.

LIFE AT KENNINGTON.

Contradictory evidence was heard when Jno. Fdk. Williams, 27, carman, and Mary Machell, 39, married, were charged with being concerned in the management of a disorderly house at Kennington-rd.—The woman pleaded guilty but the man not guilty.—Sub-div.-insp. Collins stated that when he read the warrant to Williams he replied, "I don't know, if you call a lodger an assistant."—P.S. Rhodes and P.C. Mole, two officers who were employed in keeping a special observation upon the premises, spoke to seeing Williams on several occasions open the street door to couples.—Williams, giving evidence, said he had been lodging at the house for three weeks, Machell being the landlady. He had not opened the door to anyone.—Machell also gave evidence, and said her husband was a traveller. He was at home about twice a week; Williams was a lodger.—Mr. Smith: What is your real name?—Prisoner: Machell.—Then how is it you said last night your name was Harris and you were a widow? I never said such a thing.—Machell was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour and Williams was released on probation for 12 months.

STRATFORD.

SCENE IN THE DOCK.

Great excitement prevailed at the end of a case in which Alf. Jas. Hicks, 15, Arthur Wadsworth, 24, and Jos. Herod, 18, rag and bone collectors, were charged with being concerned in stealing a gold ring from 9, Exmouth-rd., Walthamstow, the property of Ethel Hicks, sister of the first-named, and Walter H. Shea, a rag and metal dealer, of Clarkson-rd., Walthamstow, was charged with receiving the ring knowing it was stolen.—The lad stole the ring on the night of Nov. 18, and next day showed it to Herod and Wadsworth, telling them he had found it. He told them they could have it for 1s. 6d., and they sold it to Shea for 5s. He in his turn pawned it for 7s. —Shea said he knew the men worked on the dust shoots, and thought they had found the ring.—The Bench sent Hicks to a reformatory for four years, bound over Wadsworth and Herod to come up for judgment if called on, and fined Shea £5 and 6s. costs, or a month.—When the boy was told to leave the dock he started screaming that he would not go, and clung tenaciously to the dock rails. Four officers had great difficulty in releasing his hold, and before they had done so the boy's mother got into the dock and went into hysterics, the daughter and other females in court screaming.

GREENWICH.

THE BANK CLERK'S BABY.

With his father's name figuring in "Whitaker's Almanac" with a salary of £800, Donald McLeod, a young bank clerk, of Beechfield-rd., Catford, was summoned by Cecilia Marion Rose O'Reilly, of Gabriel-st., Honor Oak Park, in respect to the paternity of her child.—Defendant did not appear.—Mr. Berryman, for complainant, stated that he had received a letter from defendant, in which he said he was not prepared to dispute the parentage. Defendant's salary was £70 a year, but he paid nothing for his keep, living at home. Miss O'Reilly's father was a trusted clerk to a firm of solicitors in Bedford-row, and was in a good position.

UNDER PROMISE OF MARRIAGE.

Defendant would be 21 years of age in March next.—Complainant, who is 20 years of age, said she had known defendant for three years. They had walked out together for 18 months, and in September, 1907, he proposed to her, and was accepted. He gave her a ring bearing her initials and with his name inside. Under promise of marriage intimacy took place, and on Sept. 27 last a child (a boy) was born.—Mrs. O'Reilly was called to prove defendant's handwriting, and Mr. Jno. O'Reilly, father of the girl, stated that the nurse, doctor, and other expenses had been about £16.—Defendant was ordered to pay 5s. a week, and 9gs. costs.

CROYDON.

THE OLD LOVE AND THE NEW.

"I walked out with her for a week or two, but I had no intention of sticking to her," said Edwd. Percy Simmons, an engineer's fitter, of Tamworth-rd., Croydon, when summoned by Mabel Thompson, of Nursery-rd., Thornton Heath, in respect to her child, of which she alleged he was the father.—Complainant, a respectably-dressed girl, said that they had been keeping company for three years, commencing when she was 17 years of age. She had received money for the support of the child.—Defendant said he sent the money because he had received threatening letters, which caused a lot of unhappiness.—The Clerk read a letter from defendant, in which he said:

"I WILL TRY MY BEST TO HELP YOU.

I don't believe I am the father of the child, but for your sake I will do my best."—Defendant said that complainant had threatened if she saw him with another girl to drag him in in some way.—Chairman: Have you been going out with another woman?—Defendant: Yes. I have letters to prove where I was during the last 12 months.—Defendant at first asked for an adjournment to call witnesses, but complainant, taking off a ring, said that he had given her it last Christmas, when he promised to marry her. — Defendant admitted giving the ring, but said he had no serious intentions. They exchanged rings at her request.—The Bench ordered defendant to pay 3s. a week until the child is 16.—Defendant: Why should I pay 3s. a week when she and her mother only asked me to pay half-a-crown?—Clerk: I think the Bench have put on the extra sixpence because they think you were telling lies. (Laughter).

WEST HAM.

SEQUEL TO "SKYLARKING."

"I took the knife out to frighten him, but I did not mean to hurt him," said Fdk. Whichelo, 12, a schoolboy, of Grosvenor-rd., Forest Gate, when arrested on a charge of assaulting and wounding Leopold Morris, a schoolboy, of Whiteville-rd., Forest Gate.—The boys were returning home from school with several others who were "skylarking among themselves." One of them threw prisoner's brother's hat over a fence, and prisoner accused Morris of it. Morris denied that he had thrown the hat, and he refused to go for it. He pushed the little boy away and offered to fight, and prisoner then said, "Don't hit my brother." At the same time he took a small pocket-knife from his pocket and, opening it, struck Morris on the back of the head.—Dr. Stocker said that Morris was suffering from an incised wound, but it was not serious. — The Bench dealt with the lad on the charge of assault, and in binding him over under the Probation Act they advised the father to thrash him for his own good.

TOTTENHAM.

A CHASE IN NIGHT ATTIRE.

A householder's chase in his night attire after an alleged burglar was described when Chas. Gordon, of Edmonton, was charged with breaking and entering 75, Wakefield-st., on Friday night.—Albt. Giddings said that some time after he and his family had retired to rest he heard a noise downstairs. Going down to the kitchen, he saw a man "fly through a window" into the garden. Seeing the man on the run, he took up the chase, and although he had only a shirt on him he ran through the streets for 600 or 700 yards and eventually caught him.—Magistrate: It was pretty cold last night going about only in your shirt.—Giddings: I was hot enough from running after prisoner. To my great surprise when I caught him I find that he is a man with whom I have worked for the last 15 years or so.—Remanded.

INQUESTS.

G.E.R. MYSTERY.

An open verdict was returned at an inquest held by Dr. Westcott at Hackney on Edwd. Jas. Haggar, 52, manager and accountant to a firm of engineers, and residing at 13, Ferron-rd., Clapton.—The widow stated that deceased had been with his firm for 20 years, but was thinking of leaving. He had good health up till last January, when he had an attack of influenza. This was followed by a nervous breakdown. He had not been to business for a month on account of his nerves. On Thursday he left home to go to Cannon-st. to tell his employers that his return to business was doubtful. Witness heard later that he had been killed on the railway. He had never threatened to take his life or shown any sign of insanity.—Other evidence showed that the fireman of the 4.55 p.m. train to Liverpool-st. saw something dark lying in the 4ft. way as he passed through London Fields. He informed the officials at Cambridge Heath Station, and the body was then discovered terribly mutilated. Deceased had, so far as his wife knew, no business at London Fields Station. He had a ticket on him to Hackney Downs from London Fields.—There being no evidence as to how deceased got on to the line, the jury returned the verdict given above.

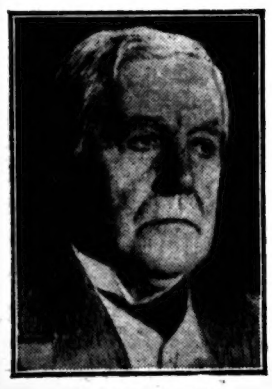
KILLED BY TRACTION ENGINE.

The terrible death of Alfd. Thos. Parrish, of Union-square, Borough, employed as a stoker on a steam locomotive engine belonging to Messrs. Pickford's, was investigated by Dr. Oswald.—On Thursday the engine was drawing a trailer containing a dynamo weighing about seven tons. Deceased got down to release some water from the tanks of the engine and then attempted to mount the trailer by getting on the draw-bar. He fell, and the front wheel went over his head, causing instant death. —The jury returned a verdict of accidental death, and suggested that the valves for releasing the water should be controlled by the drivers.

SIR RALPH LITTLER.

DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN JUDGE.

Sir Ralph Daniel Makinson Littler, whose death is announced this week, was born on Oct. 2, 1835, and was the son of the late Rev. Rbt. Littler. After a public school and university education he was called to the bar in 1857, and 14 years later became a Q.C. Sir Ralph was created a C.B. in 1890 and a knight in 1902. He was best known to the public as the chairman of the Middlesex Sessions, but in addition to this he held many public posts, the most important being chairman of the Middlesex County Council and the Alexandra Park Trustees. Considerable comment has at times been attracted by the heavy sentences passed by Sir Ralph at the Middlesex Sessions, and at the time of his death two libel actions were pending against London weeklies in connection with articles which they had published. These long sentences were generally passed upon burglars so that nervous people might be protected, and Sir Ralph



SIR RALPH LITTLER. [L.F.A. Photo.

frequently cited in justification a case in which a woman never got over the shock she suffered from a burglar visiting her house.

A Kindly Man.

Still, with all his remarkable characteristics, Sir Ralph Littler was wonderfully humane. He had a kindly heart behind the exterior of adamant, as many a poor mother knows. Stories galore are told of the families of prisoners whom the veteran judge befriended until such time as the "head" was at liberty again. One example of this little-known side of his character may be quoted. A burly ruffian appeared at quarter sessions, not for the first time, on a charge of robbery. Sir Ralph awarded the culprit five years' penal servitude with a promptitude that was only equalled by the man's amasement. Hearing afterwards that the convict's wife was living in exceedingly straitened circumstances, Sir Ralph Littler sought her out. Having made the necessary inquiries, he bought her a sewing machine, and took other steps to see that the home was kept together. When the man came out of prison he called upon the judge who had sentenced him, and poured out his thanks for what had been done for his family whilst he had been away, and announcing that he had done for ever with the old life.

A CHAPEL COURTSHIP

ENDS IN A SUMMONS AT THE POLICE COURT.

The sequel to a chapel courtship and a lifelong friendship was told by a young couple at Mortlake when Miss Agnes Phillips, a Battersea girl, living at Moir House, Paynesfield-avenue, Mortlake, summoned Thos. Kennedy, of Clapham, a fitter's labourer for the maintenance of her illegitimate child, born on Sept. 16. —Defendant, on hearing his name called, exclaimed: Before I go into that box I want to see Agnes Phillips in that one over there.—Chairman (Col. R. W. Sparks): Come here and go into the box at once.—Defendant remained stationary until he saw a constable approaching, and then stepped forward without demur.—Miss Phillips said she had known defendant all her life. They went to the same chapel and used to meet outside after the services. Intimacy began in July, 1907, and continued occasionally—but not very many times, she said in reply to the chairman—down to January of this year. She had never been familiar with anyone else. Defendant had offered to marry her, but she had reasons now for refusing to accept him. She had received a number of letters from him in which he admitted the paternity, and she also held

AN AGREEMENT HE HAD SIGNED,

in which he had expressed his willingness to contribute 3s. a week towards the support of his child, but these payments had never been met. —Mrs. Phillips, complainant's mother, said defendant "admitted before the child was born that he was the father."—Defendant said that when he signed the agreement it was understood that he should not be called upon to pay before he obtained work, and he was also to have the option of marrying the girl when he was in a position to do so. During the past 14 months he had only been able to secure three weeks' work.—In ordering defendant to pay 3s. a week for the support of his child the chairman asked him if he did not feel ashamed of himself at not having done anything to meet the expenditure incurred.—Defendant: If you will find me work I will pay the money, but I can't if you don't. I don't think you have given me justice, and I won't leave the court until I have got it.—Chairman: Very well, if you don't pay you will have to go to gaol.—Defendant did not leave the box until he received the gentle persuasion of a constable, and then he remained by the side of the box which a few minutes before he had refused to enter.

The death is announced, at Elburton, near Plymouth, of Mr. John Thomas Herod, aged 76, late chief officer of the Coast Guards, and a Crimean veteran. During the Russian campaign he spent eleven months in the trenches before Sebastopol.

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Naval Rankers.

There was a rather unusual number of men from the ranks in the Navy given a lieutenant's commission a few days ago, when Chief Gunners E. Duffett and R. Arnold, and Chief Boatswain G. Trevethan were promoted to wardroom rank. Men who come from the lower deck have usually been promoted in ones and twos as the vacancies occur, as a given number only are allowed, since the large first batch was made in 1903. The three officers mentioned above came up through the commissioned warrant officer line in the Navy, which corresponds to the quartermaster line in the Army. In both Services promotion to lieutenant rank can take place from the petty officer and non-commissioned ranks when men are much younger, and many men from the ranks in the Army are thus advanced yearly; but in the Navy no petty officer has been promoted to wardroom rank for a century, and only four young warrant officers have been so advanced—all the latter for distinguished service before the enemy. This anomaly in the conditions of the two fighting Services of the Crown should be removed forthwith, and a plan found for levelling the sailor boys' opportunities up to those of the drummer boy in the Army. It is most impolitic and unjust that this difference should exist to the detriment of the sailor, upon his service is of so much importance to the country. The country's First Line should certainly hold out as many attractions to the youth of the country for a full career as the Second Line. There is another anomaly also in regard to the other line of promotion, the quartermaster line, which handicaps the Senior Service and needs to be removed in the interest of justice and equity. Neither of the above officers will retire probably with less than a total of forty years of service for their country, yet they will retire with lieutenant rank and not with commander rank, which is equivalent to the rank of colonel in the Army, the latter rank being held by many a deserving old soldier from the ranks when he retires into civil life. Both of these anomalies can be quite inexpensively adjusted, and should receive the attention of the authorities.

Lower Deck Cooks.

I am very glad to see that my friends the ships' cooks of the Navy have formed a benefit and mutual advantage association for themselves, and that the start has been a flourishing one. Personally I should like to see what I have often advocated, both in this column and elsewhere and that is one great State-aided provident society for all classes on the lower deck of the Navy, and I believe this will come some day when the men have quite got over the fright that the memory of the Chatham Chest causes them when its mal-administration is recalled. That cannot last for ever, as we are daily evolving and setting up schemes on democratic lines which absolutely safeguard the interests of those who are intended to benefit by them. And frauds and mal-administrations of charitable funds were possible to the ex tent to which they were pursued only because the people concerned were too ignorant to protect themselves. But the poor are no longer ignorant and have leaders quite able to protect their interests from the grasping hands of any body of rogues and thieves, though all systems of thrift, and even charity, must be open—so experience teaches—to the falcations and thieving propensities of evoked individuals; as the periodical depradations on the funds of our great friendly societies and other institutions prove. However, until the day arrives for sailors to be thrifty as a body, it is well to see them thrifty and self-helping sections, and for that reason everybody will wish the Naval Ships' Cook Association God speed!

Raising the "Oof."

I am delighted to see that "Union Jack," in our contemporary, "The Express," is encouraging the dramatic and minstrels clubs of the Fleet to help provide Mai. Haggard with funds wherewith to run the employment Agency which he has set up as an auxiliary to the Veterans' Club, which he will also presently bring into existence. Over a long series of years, dating back to the institution of the Trafalgar Day collection of which set of suggestions it formed a part for improving the position of Naval sailors by Naval means, I have earnestly urged the Fleetmen from time to time to use this splendid piece of machinery to help institutions that helped them. All those old advocates who have steadily kept this point to the front have had the satisfaction of seeing year-to-year improvement in this direction; and in raising the Tiger, Gladiator and other recent funds for the benefit of naval widows and their children, the assistance rendered by Naval dramatic and minstrel clubs and by Naval men who have organised concerts and smokers has been most marked and valuable. It is quite so much nowadays as during the time when more small ships were employed doing police duties and showing the flag. But even now dozens of opportunities present themselves for Fleetmen to raise money in this way; for nearly every quarter of the globe there is little white communities whose lives are monotonous and who hail as a God-send a little entertainment by outsiders. Here are the two necessary elements for helping hand to charities and other good Naval causes, viz., money in the pockets of persons suffering from monotony, and entertaining talent on the spot in the persons of those who want to raise money for charitable purposes.

"Obsolete" Warships.

During this time of loud and fervid discussion of Dreadnoughts and Indomitables there is far too much prevalence of the idea that the man who builds a Dreadnought rules the world. Many people, hearing the older type of battleship condemned as obsolete, seem to form a mental picture of the entire navy of that nation which possesses the greatest number of Dreadnoughts at the present time. Although the contest of a Dreadnought alone versus an Ocean alone would leave the issue not in the least doubtful, yet the Ocean would in all probably avoid, as far as possible, foreign Dreadnoughts and confine her attention to ships of her own type. To say that the Ocean is obsolescent is not to sweep her off the face of the waters and deny her any fighting importance whatever, but merely means that she is obsolete as a type to be built, and that no future ships will be improved Dreadnoughts. Until our fleet of ships built along Dreadnought lines is sufficiently strong to supplant the Ocean class, then the Ocean is still a powerful and important fighting factor in the British fleet. Our Navy is at present superior to the combined fleets of any two powers; it is our duty to see that in the coming race of Dreadnoughts it still remains so, although we should still proceed with caution, realising that the Dreadnought was only an experiment and that her successors will be capable of very great improvements. It is good to push along with new ships, but we must not forget the fighting value of our present ones which are still what may be termed middle-aged vessels only.

The German Press.

It has well been pointed out recently that the German Press takes great care not to enlarge upon the real strength of the German Navy, and even takes some pains to minimise and indirectly depreciate the real importance of all the new vessels which go to augment the fleet. Such an attitude on the part of German semi-official organs certainly goes far to substantiate the statements made a few weeks ago in the Reichstag that the Kaiser alone, and in direct contradiction to the general wishes of the people, was harrying Germany forward into her present suicidal policy of deliberate and unnecessary inflation of her fleet. The German people, if, as a mass, it is hostile to England is deliberately made so by the insinuations and misrepresentations of German newspapers. By a rough and inaccurate classing of the units in the published returns the true strength of the German Fleet is cunningly concealed; and the German people, unambitious in itself of sea power, is told that all these additions are absolutely necessary for Germany to maintain a fleet which shall ensure the barest margin of safety.

THE MAN BEHIND THE GUN.

THE BARRACK-ROOM.

The Warning Note.

Within the past few days Lord Roberts has again given proof of his zeal in the interests of the Empire by the stirring note of warning he gave the nation in his speech to the Upper House. He pointed out how close is the danger of invasion, how possible it is for a great power to land an army of 150,000 men on these shores, and he depicted the plight of this country if this feat were accomplished. We, who have always set our faith in a strong Navy, may well profit by the great soldier's words. The efficiency of our Navy was never better than at the present time, but lacking a strong army behind it much of its power is shorn away. The Regular Army has been so tampered with during the past two years that we now find ourselves weaker by the loss of 1,500 officers, to say nothing of unlimited men. The Militia, upon which we have always depended to a large extent, has given way to an army of 200,000 Territorials, and zealous as the latter may be they could not hope to repel an invading army of trained men. At any moment's further trouble in India may draw more heavily upon the Regulars left at home, so that the country would be almost undefended by trained troops. Lord Roberts offers a remedy for our military weakness in the training of every able-bodied man to use a rifle. He is not advocating conscription, but merely the furtherance of rifle shooting, which entails no burden on the populace. Greater attractions will have to be added to the Army before we can obtain the number of trained troops we require, and until the authorities are prepared to see that this is done the only guarantee of safety is the assurance that every man can at least do something in defence of his home.

The Great Rookie Hunt.

At the same time it is useless to depend entirely on periodically trained men for home defence. Men may shoot well, but discipline is even more valuable in action, and discipline is the result of training week in, week out, year by year. If the recruiting returns looked "brighter Lord Roberts" would have no occasion for his spirited speech, but during the present trade depression recruiting is by no means as brisk as it was even six years ago. We are housing our men better and feeding them better, the uniform is just as attractive—but the returns are no better. I got among barrack-room lawyers on to the subject the other night, and the opinion they expressed I thought pretty nearly hit the mark. They advocated no increase in pay or emoluments for the privates, but that the authorities should as a start go nap on the non-coms.; improve their status and pay—the sergeants, for instance, have had no increase for a good time prior to the increase Lord Midleton gave the privates—improve the sergeants' quarters, give greater facilities to the non-coms. to reach commissioned rank, make mufti for walking out general to non-coms. everywhere, and grant facilities for work in the carpenters' and tailors' and shoemakers' shop to every man who is fully trained in his military duties. Finally let the non-coms. share with ex-Naval men all the civil billets under Government that are going when they take their discharge. For it must be remembered that every rookie who passes the doctor has one idea in mind, and that is to rise to non-com.'s rank. Make that rank better and more attractive and an inducement is given to the private to serve on for the full period, for if he does so he will know that he gets more favours and a better chance of a civil job on leaving.

Those Valuable Third Battalions.

For some reason or other the authorities have of late made a dead set at the third and fourth battalions, probably from economical motives, but fortunately they have stayed their hands at last, and some of the best battalions in the Service are to remain on the Army List. I refer to the third and fourth battalions of the Worcesters, Royal Fusiliers, and the Middlesex Regt., the former it will be remembered, being one of the best shooting battalions in the Service, like those with which they are affiliated. The breaking up of other third battalions has thrown a number of well-trained men into civil life, to say nothing of many valuable officers, for whose opening could not be found elsewhere, yet it would be a pity if these mentioned, all of them passed as efficient, were to share the fate of the others, as was originally proposed. All the battalions mentioned have been in existence over 10 years, and figured well in the shooting and marching competitions last season.

The New Equipment.

The authorities are just about to issue to the Infantry battalions a new pattern equipment, which will have distinct advantages for the fighting man over that now in use. The new equipment will be divided into two portions, one for marching and the other for fighting, the former portion being discarded when going into action, inasmuch as it contains only articles not required for fighting purposes, such as great coats, brushes, razor, soap, pay-book, etc. The fighting portion, on the other hand, contains ammunition (150 rounds), intrenching tool, bayonet, water, rifle, etc., the total weight being 45lb., and when the marching portion has been discarded emergency bandoliers can be donned in its place for the carriage of additional ammunition. One of the principal points about the new equipment is the ease and comfort it gives to the soldier compared with the equipment now in use. There are no cross-straps over the chest to impede his breathing and keep the tunic from being worn open if necessary in a tropical climate. Moreover the equipment, which is of the "web" pattern, can be so adjusted that both portions can be thrown off together, or the pack alone removed in the space of a few seconds. The equipment is now in process of manufacture and will, I hear, be served out to my chums in the spring of next year.

Artillery Difficulties.

Mr. Haldane was speaking not long since about the readiness of the Artillery branches for mobilisation. As far as men are concerned the recruiting figures for the Horse and Field Artillery are fairly satisfactory, but with the commissioned ranks it is different. The latter branch is 80 subalterns short of the establishment, and out of this number only 20 of the vacancies will be filled up in February next. The Garrison Artillery is, on the other hand, so well stocked with subs. that more than six months have elapsed since there was any promotion among them, so that a reduction of subalterns would seem to be necessary in order to meet the requirements of both branches. The horsing of this arm is still in an unsatisfactory state. On mobilisation a brigade would require 1,000 animals. Some brigades there are which, during the piping times of peace, can get along with 200 horses, and so there is no pressing need. But directly war sounds and the moment arrives for those 200 to be made up to 1,000 the terrible plight of our gunners would be apparent on their attempting to take the field. With the increase in the number of quick-firers, requiring more ammunition, has the need for horses increased, while the supply dwindles year by year. The warning uttered by Lord Roberts a few days ago applies as strongly here as it does to the training of men. Mr Haldane could hear quite a lot of little things about this horse difficulty if he put in half an hour at one of the Artillerybarracks, and had a quiet chat with some of the gunners among the chums of T. ATKINS.

THE SECOND LINE.

A Million Trained Men.

Whether the great speech delivered by Lord Roberts on Monday in the House of Lords will or will not arouse the country to a due sense of the inadequacy of our present forces of defence to repel an invasion, which a majority of strategists agree in thinking possible, if not probable, within the next few years, no one can henceforth contend that we have not had a warning as solemn as any that ever fell from the lips of a British statesman. It will not be easy to refute the figures adduced by Lord Roberts, or to show that his demand for a million of trained men is an exaggerated claim. The veteran Field-Marshal cogently explained why so large a number of good soldiers were needed, and how impossible it would be for the Territorial Army, even if it should ever reach its establishment strength, to do all that is required.

The Actual Situation.

"The actual situation, my Lords," said Earl Roberts, "at the present moment is as follows: Strength of the Territorial Forces, say 200,000; Special Reserve, 60,000; net surplus of Regulars after despatch of the expeditionary force, 95,000; total available for home defence, 355,000. Deducting 15 per cent. for sick and absent and 60,000 more for untrained recruits, we should have an available total of 300,000, out of which 240,000 would be needed to protect the arsenals and Naval bases and to garrison the principal places in Great Britain and Ireland. Thus, 60,000 men only would be available to repel an invasion, which would be made by not less than 150,000 of the best soldiers of the best army in Europe. To meet 150,000 infaders we should need at least 600,000 citizen soldiers, instead of 60,000, the proportion of four untrained citizens to one trained invader being the proportion recognised by all experienced authorities from Napoleon's time as the smallest that can be safely relied on in war. In a life and death struggle, such as an invasion of this country would mean, it would be folly, indeed, to trust to any less number of men."

Mr. Haldane's Framework.

"Until the country will agree to a practical system of military training, by which Mr. Haldane's admirable framework can be filled in with the required number of soldiers fit to take the field, these figures, as continued Lord Roberts, are appalling. They mean that the Navy must be tied to our shores, that the Expeditionary Force will be kept at home by public fears, and that British diplomacy will be deprived of that armed force without which, as recent events have shown, diplomacy is of very little avail. Thanks to Mr. Haldane, we are now getting a satisfactory military organisation, but if we are to provide against the possibility of invasion, even five years hence, we must begin at once to get together the material for a thoroughly useful home army."

Sergeants' Tactical Association.

The December programme of the M.V.S.T.A. contains the following fixtures:—Saturday, Dec. 5, out door tactical exercise in Greenwich Park by aid of luminous compasses; Thursday, Dec. 10, lecture by Colr.-sergt. G. D. Roche, London Rifle Brigade; Thursday, Dec. 17, war game at L.R.B. Headquarters, Bunhill Row, at 8 p.m. Association v. 5th City of London (L.R.B.); Boxing Day, tactical exercise (particulars not yet announced).

The Patriotic Society.

Mr. S. Cresswell presided on the 11th inst. at a meeting of the members of the Patriotic Society at the Horticultural Hall, Westminster. Capt. Luard announced that he had arranged with the secretary of the National Defence Association that that organisation should carry on the work of the Patriotic Society, provided that a sufficient number of members of the society would join the association. He considered that the association was the best organisation to carry on the work to which his late father had devoted himself. It was stated that Capt. Luard had offered to take over the liabilities of the society, and his offer was accepted, subject to the members of the council contributing a sum of £5 each towards the amount of the liability. In answer to a question, the chairman said that the chief cause of the society's position was the unfortunate death of Gen. Luard. They had done their best to find a successor to him, but without result. They could hardly hope to find anyone to do the work which Gen. Luard had done without any remuneration whatever. It was agreed to wind up the society.

R.N. Reserve Decoration.

In reply to a question, the Earl of Granard stated in the House of Lords that the King has approved of a medal for long service and good conduct to be granted to men of the Naval Volunteer Force and the Naval Reserve—i.e., the old Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, consisting mainly of men who belonged to the fishing community and the Royal Naval Volunteers, established five years ago. The design of the medal struck for the purpose, which has also been approved by his Majesty, displays on the obverse an effigy of the King in naval uniform, and on the reverse a representation of his Majesty's ship Dreadnought. The King has also approved of a decoration for officers of both branches of the Naval Reserve, somewhat similar to the decoration granted to the Territorial Force.

What I am Told.

That the War Office has notified that non-commissioned officers of the Territorial Army Service Corps who qualified for promotion by undergoing thirteen days' instruction in Army Service Corps' duties at Aldershot, under the Volunteer Regulations, may be considered as qualified for promotion under the Territorial Force Regulations. That Col. J. Smith Park, M.V.O. (chairman of Council, Scottish Rifle Association) has received the sum of £50 from the Right Hon. Lord Strathcona to purchase a challenge shield or other prize for annual competition at the Association's meeting at Bisley. It will be recollected that Lord Strathcona equipped and sent to South Africa, entirely at his own expense, a contingent of mounted troops known as "Strathcona's Horse," who did splendid service in the war. That a large number of the most important City firms of St. Paul's Churchyard, Cannon-st., Cheapside, Wood-st., headed by Messrs. Cook, Son and Co., of Copestake, Crampton and Co., J. and E. Morley, Rylands and Sons, Parsons and Leafs, and many others are willing (provided the War authorities will grant more facilities for attending camp) to give 21 days' holiday every year on full pay to their warehousemen and clerks who belong to the Territorial Force, and who put in at least 14 days in camp. That the Council of the Royal Institute of Public Health (Russell-sq., London) have intimated that they are willing to give facilities at the Institute for the instruction of the Sanitary Companies of the Royal Army Medical Corps (Territorial), and of the personnel attached for water duties to regiments of the force. ELMAR.

CITIZEN RIFLEMEN.

Club Critics.

Of late certain recruiting agents of the Territorial forces have been disparaging civilian rifle clubs. To become a member of a rifle club is merely one step towards becoming eight-tenths of an efficient soldier. One's duties as a citizen do not end there. All who are physically fit, all who are young enough, should acquire the remaining two-tenths of efficiency in the nation's Army. What civilian clubs have succeeded in doing is making a large number of men eight-tenths efficient as defensive units. The clubs have made rifle-shooting attractive, and the trouble seems to be that the recruiting agents cannot make their Territorial force appear equally attractive. At least, some of them cannot. Some civilian rifle clubs have proved excellent feeders. For instance, Hambledon, a civilian rifle club in rural Bucks, has been in existence only a short time, but with a membership of 85 it has already furnished the Regular Army with three and the Territorials with four recruits; that is, 11.6 per cent. of its members have enlisted. This is neither a solitary instance nor a record.

Sport or Duty?

The Northern Counties' Industrial Rifle League, which must not be confused with the N.C.R.U., has lost seven clubs this year, and attributes the falling away to trade depression. The league favours Service conditions, and advocates shooting as a duty. From the discussion on a resolution seeking pecuniary aid from the Army Council, it is clear that the league distinguishes, and wishes the Government to distinguish, patriotic from sporting rifle clubs. This is the sort of hair-splitting which does no good. The one mistake the N.C.I.R.L. has made is the common one of following Service conditions. Therefore its shooting practice costs more money, whilst the skill acquired is not such as to enable its members to take the foremost position in the district, and their equipment does not allow of them shooting successfully against clubs the league regards as sporting clubs. Members of sporting clubs do get more fun out of their shooting; they become skilled shots at less cost to themselves, they have greater confidence in their prowess, and as units in any defensive force they are superior to members of such clubs as those the N.C.I.R.L. is seeking Government aid to perpetuate. How such sporting practice is in any way detrimental either to patriotism or duty the unprejudiced fail to understand.

Edinburgh Bisley.

The first Scotch miniature recruiting will be held at Edinburgh in February next and will be open to members of all Scotch clubs. Of these there are now 116 affiliated to the N.R.A., and 72 affiliated to the N.C.R.U., but miniature rifle-shooting has many followers in the north, and new clubs are being formed every week. One of the most recent, Cupar, has already over 200 members, and one beginner scored within a point of the h.p. in light-hearted practice. This fact, taken in conjunction with the known high-scoring abilities of Perth, Aberbridge, and other Northern clubs, added to the form shown by the Edinburgh civilians, should determine the executive to adopt a difficult target, and so set a high standard for future meetings. As N.R.A. clubs predominate, it is hoped that the Edinburgh executive will choose N.R.A. scoring and so deal a blow at the fictitious values of the decimal system, and by reducing the number of h.p. scores in the unlimiteds render the task of their own officials easier.

Learn to Count.

Since the introduction of decimal scoring the appraising of target values has become a fine art. From many targets sent to me for various purposes I have learned to discount the scores of certain rifle shots. When targets instead of scores are compared one gets a very much better idea of their value. At most urban clubs members know how to count. The members of a village team after each end, do, shoot well, but the club officials are just unsophisticated, plain-thinking men, content with what they see on the paper. There are other clubs which claim in a postal match whatever may probably be advised. They send in their targets, and force their opponents to challenge their score or accept defeat. Only this week I received a set of eight targets, for which no modest a score was claimed that I felt no compunction in pointing out that by S.M.R.C. scoring, edge-counting, the team aggregate was clearly 57 points more than claimed by the enquirer. From another club, in Yorkshire, I received targets made in a local match showing all shots well in the centre, and beating any which have won at recent open meetings in and near London. If high scoring is desired, learn to count. The method commonly followed seems to be to claim the h.p. on all occasions, and leave one's opponent to challenge its accuracy. It is surprising how often people are taken at their own valuation.

League Notes.

In the Evelyn Wood league of the M.I.R.A. the new clubs have shot their first matches. Britannia, 742, beat Border, 714, very badly, but Hackney Municipal, 616, were just 126 points behind Central Markets. This last club, with J. F. Wright scoring the h.p., and with 92 its lowest score in a team of eight, looks like attaining first position in the league. In the N.E.R. York League, the Carriage Works team appears to be the strongest of the 12 competing. The Yeovil League is a hardy organisation, and this season the reconstituted Martock club, after defeating high-scoring Hazelbury and themselves unbeaten, seem to have best prospects of proving the most formidable rivals to Half Moon, which last actually lost to Preston and so gave that persevering club its first win this season.

Coming Events.

This week the Cornishmen try conclusions in a county meeting at Truro, and the week after next Oxford M.R.A. hold a county meeting in the University city. For this last there are five events, but only one—a sixpenny pool—is open to all comers. This is not likely to attract many strangers, and so the chief interest of the meeting will be the form shown by the Oxfordshire village clubs in team competitions. TRIGGER.

OUR CIVIL SERVANTS.

Real Humour.

The questions which are asked in Parliament are a never-failing source of merriment to me. I mean, of course, some of them; those, for example, which bubble over with unconscious humour. Last Tuesday a Member asked if the ink used in the Irish Government offices was made in Ireland, and, if not, why not. That is certainly the best sample of legislative work since another Member asked the Postmaster-General to explain his attitude with regard to a postman's overcoat which had strayed, or been stolen.

Excuse For Officials.

I think, however, that we ought to have got past these little jokes in Parliament and for a very good reason. All questions are printed and copies sent to the departments concerned, where they are laughed at or reviled by the permanent officials, whose duty it is to tell the Minister what to say. Now, the men who have to hunt up answers to questions get hard as nails over the most pathetic instances of hardship, and I have a feeling that the many samples of fatuity, obscurity, and nothingness which they must do something with during a session are really enough to make one find excuses for them sometimes. There was a case recently of an honourable Member going to a very large department, and, rushing into a room, asking the first man he saw a question about a matter which was dealt with in another section. He was told this as nicely as possible, and although the official offered to conduct him to the proper quarter he lost his temper. "I have always said that you knew nothing here," he roared, "and now I know it! If you only knew what the House of Commons thought of you!" and he stalked off. The official, however, had the last word: "If only the Members of the House of Commons knew what we thought of them!" Ah, if they only did!

Impracticable.

This brings me to an impracticable suggestion; at least, it is impracticable in the present chronic and chaotic state of affairs in the Civil Service. The idea is that all questions on Civil Service matters should be edited and revised by a competent committee of Civil Servants. The reason is that many of the questions are so worded that they virtually ask the unfeeling permanent official to misunderstand the meaning of the questioner, or rather those who inspired him, the odds being that the whole thing is to the questioner an impenetrable fog. The suggestion is a good one, but it cannot be worked because it seems to be impossible for the various sections of the services to so amalgamate that a business-like committee can be formed to conduct the business of all classes in a business-like fashion. I do not see why it should be impossible for three hundred thousand men and women to pull together, but the English Civil Servants have not acquired the capacity of doing so yet. The grim humour of the situation lies in the fact that until they do pull together they will get no forrader.

Outside Criticism.

The other evening I was lucky enough to hear the opinion of an editor of a London daily paper concerning Civil Servants and my notes about them. As his paper does not cater for Civil Servants his opinion may not be worth much, but I think it is, for it coincides with my own to a certain extent. He said that the notes are apt to be pictures of grief and grievance. I agree. He then said that the man who had a grievance was not worth employing. By jingo, if that were true where could we look for our Civil Servants? I think he was wrong in that proposition, and I would guarantee that it would be quite possible to find good and capable men on his staff who could rake up what they believed to be a genuine grievance against their employers. Why, I have quite a number of grievances myself which we ought to learn in how and when to voice them. In the Civil Service there are so many that they clog the machinery—a state of affairs which supports the contention that no grievance should be voiced until it has been examined by a competent and properly appointed committee of experts in such matters. But, until that happy day arrives I beg to offer my services as the next best substitute.

The Dockyards.

Now, the dockyardsmen have a grievance if you like! The only way in which they can get their affairs regulated is that of forwarding petitions to the Admiralty. After a delay of some months the Lords Commissioners have a tour round, and among other duties they listen to the leaders of each class of workmen who want more money or better conditions of labour. Then they sail away, and nothing more is heard of the petitions until a question is asked in the House of Commons, by which time I do not believe that their Lordships could, if put in a witness-box, tell us anything about the cases. Usually the safest answer is that the matters are "receiving my most careful consideration," and then more months go by, so that some of the grievances kill themselves or the men who want higher wages die off or get discharged. It is all very painful and unbusinesslike. During the week Mr. McKenna, who is not earning a very bright reputation as First Lord, said that "it is anticipated that it will be possible to announce the replies to the large number of petitions which have been presented this year by the various classes of dockyard employees some time in February next." Hope deferred indeed!

Overwork.

I am glad to see that our Service contemporary, "The Civilian," returns to the very serious subject of overwork in the Excise Department, the members of which are grappling with the Old Age Pension scheme. One of the terrors of the present system which it points out is that of a "hopeless, indefinite competition," which keeps most of the officers going at their highest speed because they are unaware of the progress which is being made in other districts." In this way many have injured themselves, but are afraid to stop or to complain. The official attitude is that if an officer considers himself overworked he has only to report the matter in order to be relieved, but the authorities know very well that before an officer will do any such thing for himself alone he will go on till he falls. What ought to be made is a united protest. TIMS BARRACKS.

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NEW PRODUCTIONS.

"THE ANTELOPE."

Will "The Antelope" change the luck of the Waldorf? That, we imagine, was the thought of many who entered the re-opened theatre last night to participate in the "première" of the new musical comedy and to give an encouraging cheer to Mr. Henry R. Smith on his assumption of the undivided reins of management. So far as his new production is concerned, he has mounted it with richness of colour, has secured one of the best known of librettists for the book, has gone to Hugo Felix for his music, a composer whose graceful and melodious pen has already gained our ears in "Madame Sherry" and "Les Merveilleuses," and has got together a company lacking nothing of the drawing power of familiar names and acknowledged ability.

"The Antelope" tells us of the frantic efforts of the head of an anti-eloping insurance agency to save himself the pain of paying up a policy of £2,000 to a jealous husband only too well justified in mistrust of his wife, who had injured in that amount against the flattering of his marital happiness. The cause, and, in a measure, the innocent cause, of all the complications—and such humour as is extracted from them—is the Hon. Guy Daubeney, who, with the subtle fascination of the occupant of the stage studio, seems to have all women—and mainly married women—falling at his feet. The insured Joe Derrick is a housebreaker and contractor (Mr. Fred Emney), who, being engaged on a job of demolition opposite the studio, is able to keep one eye on his pickaxe and the other on his wife, aided by a confederate, who has literally to beat the big drum whenever things are getting too hot.

The possibilities of such theatrical material are obvious, and all who know the ways of musical comedy can appreciate the excellent chance there is of much more being made of "The Antelope" when the company concerned have individually got into their strides. One of the most successful performers last night was Miss Rose Collins as the genuine lover of the artist.

Mr. Fred Emney's capital comedy methods are brought to bear on the character of the housebreaker. Miss Kitty Gordon, who has one taking song, "Corpo Mario in the Night Marie," plays his handsome and fickle wife, while Miss Florence Lloyd, who has not half enough to do and does it of course uncommonly well, is the spouse of the anti-eloping agent. This latter part is reserved for Mr. Fred Wright, Junr., who, after a considerable absence, returns to the London stage with, if anything, the energy as a comedian and his resourcefulness augmented. But the overwhelming vote was for "The Drummer Boy" song of Miss Maudie Thornton. There are several other good things in the score of Herr Hugo Felix, who conducted what was without question a most successful performance. "The Antelope" is quite delightfully staged the studio scene in particular being full of colour and animation, and last night's verdict was unmistakably in favour of the new piece and the new management.

"SIR ANTHONY" AT WYNDHAM'S.

Through the medium of its dramatic utterance the voice of Mr. Madden Chambers, long silent, is at last heard again in the land. "Sir Anthony," the play in which Mr. Chambers once more speaks to us, though new to the English stage, was familiarised by production two years ago in American theatres, and the echoes of the laughter its amusing scenes raised in New York have preceded and probably led to its presentation in London. The farce, as farce is, albeit set forth in the programme as a comedy, has the advantage of supplying Mr. Weedon Grossmith with a character, and not only one after his own heart, but also that of the public.

The peculiarity of "Sir Anthony" is that no such person actually appears in the flesh—at any rate, in the play named after him. The titled individual in question, aboard an outward bound liner, has before the play begins made the acquaintance of a fellow-passenger, one Clarence Chope, commercial traveller for Bulger and Blount's, who, toadying to the baronet, returns home, his foreign trade mission fulfilled, and turns social pretender out of sheer self-conceit. Imitating in dress, tone, and aristocratic manners his quondam acquaintance on the liner, Chope, posing before his suburban intimates and relations as a distinguished personage in high life, imposes upon their vulgar-minded credibility until his miserable unmasking of his pretensions comes about by Sir Anthony's repudiation of the acquaintance claimed. Then comes the dramatic surprise by the domestic bounder suddenly revealing his character as a self-reliant hero, who, repudiated by his employer, his family, and even his sweetheart, wins back their confidence and esteem by setting in a stand-up fisticuff fight a rival in love, and renouncing all further claim to association with the turf.

Often as Mr. Weedon Grossmith has appeared as a comic swaggerer, the latest portrayal of the type so abounds in mirth-moving humour that, despite the inconsistency between the lying boaster and the courageous clerk, the popular comedian carried all before him, and won cordial acceptance not only of his assumption, but of the play itself. Much of the success achieved was no doubt due to the fine artistic support given by Mr. Grossmith's fellow-players. Mr. Beveridge was a suave, independent minister, Mr. Edmund Maurice as a bluff, burly, honest commercial man, Mr. Beerbohm as a caddish city clerk, ably individualised their different presentations, while Miss Nina Boucicault, Miss Christine Silver, Miss Henrietta Cowan, and Miss Susanne Sheldon sympathetically played the diverse female personages. Cordial compliments were paid by plaudits of recalls to Mr. Grossmith and his fellow players; and the author was also boisterously summoned for congratulations, but was reported to have gone home quite tired out—a condition which could not be said of the audience.

WRITING IN BLOOD.

STORY OF THE DORKING TRAGEDY.

The full story of the Dorking tragedy was told at Guildford Assizes, yesterday, before Justice Ridley, when Jno. Jas. Fairbrother, 36, a woodman, of Westcott, pleaded not guilty to the charge of wilful murder of his wife, Emily Fairbrother, at Dorking, on Sept. 9.—Mr. Lawless appeared for the Public Prosecutor, and prisoner was defended by Mr. G. Whiteley.—Mr. Lawless told the jury that accused lived with his wife and three children at St. John's-rd., Westcott. Latterly his married life had not been happy, although both he and his wife were of sober habits. They both had relatives living at Milebottom, Dorking, and on Sept. 4 Milebottom complained of his wife's having partaken of refreshments at Dorking with a woman named Nellie Ward and a man named Dorothy.

Sought Police Protection.

On her return home deceased had to seek police protection. On Sept. 7 she had a number of bruises upon her body and had occasion to go to the office of the Clerk to the magistrate. On the morning of Sept. 9 the husband, although apparently well, did not go to work, sending his employer the excuse that he was ill. A neighbour was present during the morning and she heard quarrelling, in the course of which the husband said he had heard that his wife had been to get a summons, and added that he had "done one month for her and did not mean to do another," whereupon deceased replied, "You may have two months next time." He replied that there was something in the wind and he meant to find out what it was. Then he sent his daughter, aged 10, with a letter, which he had written, addressed to his mother at Dorking. That letter, continued Mr. Lawless, began with the quotation, "My last letter, my last day's work is done." It continued:—

Dear Mother,—Just a few lines hoping to find you quite well, as it is not very comfortable for me. Emily has started again, and she ain't half leading me a time of it. Tell Amy or Walter to see to my club all right, no good my trying. I do hope the children get looked after. Dear Edie always says her prayers now night and morning. I hope she don't have to go in no home.

She is a Wicked Woman.

The letter concluded with a reference to the Friday previous, when the wife was drinking with a man and woman, and made the allegation that when he (the writer) had gone to bed she sat downstairs drinking with the lodger—a woman. After the neighbour left a scream was heard, and the woman ran out of the house with her throat cut. It was a very severe cut, and death took place almost immediately. Meanwhile prisoner had been found in a bedroom with his throat cut. He had put his finger into the blood from his throat, and had written on the floor: "Razor in cellar. This is all through last Friday." Upon a piece of paper he wrote: "Never have anything to do with this woman. She is a wicked woman." Subsequently a razor was discovered in the cellar, and two days later a rope with a noose was also found there. It was attached to a nail which had apparently been pulled from the wall.

Prisoner's Statement.

The man was taken to the Cottage Hospital, and upon his recovery a month later he made the following statement:—

I did not murder my wife; she murdered me. I found her in the cellar hanging by the neck with a rope around a nail. I cut her down. Whilst doing so the rope broke away. I don't remember cutting her throat at all. She knocked me across the poll with something, and when I got up I found my throat cut. I ran upstairs and jumped out of the window and ran back upstairs and crept into bed.

—Prisoner's mother, a feeble, decrepit, aged woman, identified the letter which she received on the morning of the tragedy, saying that the remark, "My last day's work is done," was a standing joke in the family.

A Dying Declaration.

—P.C. Steele, who was called to prisoner on the day before the tragedy, said that Fairbrother made the remark: "Would it not have aggravated you if you saw your wife drinking with another man outside a public-house?" Deceased had called witness to the house to speak to prisoner on two or three occasions.—Dr. Fairbank said the wound in the woman's throat extended almost from ear to ear. In his opinion the head was slipped into the noose, which was tied to a nail, before the cut was inflicted. He did not think the woman could possibly have inflicted the wound herself.—Mr. Lawless asked that the statement of deceased might be admitted as evidence.—After hearing counsel the judge said he would admit it if the prosecution pressed for it on the ground that it was a dying declaration.—The prosecution did not press for the admission of the evidence, in order to save the case being taken to the Court of Criminal Appeal.—Prisoner was found guilty with a recommendation to mercy.—Sentence of death was passed.

ART DEALER'S FORTUNE.

The executors of Sir Joseph Duveen, the late head and founder of the eminent art-dealing firm of Duveen Bros., have taken probate on a provisional valuation of his estate, which for this purpose is assessed at £500,000, and entails a windfall of £245,000 for the Chancellor of the Exchequer. This half a million by no means represents the full value of Sir Joseph Duveen's estate. This will probably take 12 months to determine. When the exact figures are available the trustees will take probate and pay the duty on the balance. It appears from the will that Lady Duveen has already received a large sum of money, but the testator leaves to her the use of his house and a large income for life. Sir Joseph Duveen will ever be remembered for his magnificent gift to the nation of a new wing to the Tate Gallery, after having given Sargent's famous portrait of Ellen Terry as Lady Macbeth and contributing largely towards the purchase of works by Velasquez and Alfred Stevens.

Mr. A. Marcus Samuel was last night adopted as Unionist candidate for the Stratford division of Lancashire.

TRADE UNION FUNDS.

VIEWS OF THE LABOUR LEADERS.

The decision of the Court of Appeal declaring that levies by trades unions upon their members for the purpose of Parliamentary representation are illegal has created something of a sensation among the majority of Labour M.P.s. In view of the far-reaching importance of the decision, "The People" has obtained the following views from the Labour leaders:—

Mr. R. Bell, M.P., Sec. A.S.R.S.

"I anticipated the decision now given. It will completely upset all arrangements made by trades unions for Parliamentary representation. It will check the progress of the Labour party very materially. The responsibility for the position is entirely upon the shoulders of the extreme Socialist element in their action towards everybody else who has not been prepared to toe the line with them. They have attempted to drive out of the labour movement men who are not prepared to submit to their methods. The case will probably go to the House of Lords, and if this decision is upheld fresh legislation must be introduced."

Mr. A. Henderson, M.P., Chairman Labour Party.

The present difficulty may be overcome by a voluntary levy. The appeal should go to the Lords. If that fails we must promote legislation, as was done in the Taff Vale case.

Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, M.P., Secretary L.L.P.

We must fight for the restitution of liberty of action similar to that now enjoyed by capitalists.

Mr. Alexander Wilkie, M.P.

The judges have no right to interfere in such matters, as the trades unions are voluntary associations. Their interference is not justified by the terms of the Trades Union Act.

Mr. John Wilson, M.P.

The North-country members, representing the Northumberland and Durham miners, are not paid by levies, but out of the general fund of the associations. I have not yet had time to discover how they will be affected.

Mr. Will Crooks, M.P.

The decision is not unexpected. It will have the effect of hurrying forward the day when we have payment of members. It will not smash the Labour party.

Mr. Keir Hardie, M.P.

The case will probably be carried to the House of Lords, and if that "Abode of Wisdom" upholds the decision the next step will be to amend the Trades Unions Law.

Mr. Wm. Straker, Secretary Northumberland Miners.

Steps will certainly at once be taken by the Parliamentary Committee of the Trades Unions Congress. Should the decision have a general application it is imperative that legislation be introduced at once to legalise parliamentary representation from trades union funds.

Mr. T. E. Naylor, Secretary Compositors' Society.

Active Conservatives and active Liberals have always, and very naturally, objected to being compelled to subscribe to a Labour party fund; but they recognise that they are bound by the decision of a majority.

(Full details of the judgment will be found on Page 1.)

SERIOUS CROYDON FIRE.

PAVILION AND GRAND STAND DESTROYED.

Last night the recently erected pavilion, grand stand, and dressing-rooms of the Croydon Common Football Club were entirely destroyed by fire, despite the efforts of several brigades, the blaze attracting a big Saturday crowd. The club's pavilion on the old ground at Selhurst was destroyed in a similar manner about two years ago. Last night's fire is attributed to incendiarism.

A TRAGIC DISCOVERY.

TRAVELLING CONJURER FOUND WITH HIS THROAT CUT.

The police of Swadlincote, near Burton-on-Trent, are busy investigating the mysterious circumstances surrounding the death of a travelling conjuror named Herbert Notting. The watchman at some local works, found the body of Notting horribly injured, the throat being cut, and wounds being discovered on the forehead and on the back of the neck.

THE MYSTERY

surrounding the affair is deepened by the fact that vigilant search has failed to trace any instrument with which the wounds could have been inflicted, and by the statement of a doctor that the injury to the neck could not have been self-inflicted. There is no evidence of any struggle having taken place. The man had been seen previously begging.

"SILVER KING" SENTENCED.

Known to North London thieves as the "Silver King," Hbt. Rumbelow Watson, 39, a well-dressed man, described as a traveller, and Hy. White, 26, clerk, were at the Middlesex Sessions yesterday brought up for sentence, White for breaking into the house of Mr. C. W. Moore at Highgate and stealing property worth nearly £100, and Watson for feloniously receiving part of the proceeds.—Det.-Powell stated that Watson had been convicted of larceny; White had been convicted of burglary three times, and had not long been at liberty when this house was broken into.—Watson was sentenced to 18 months' and White to 21 months' hard labour.

FALL DOWN A LIFT SHAFT.

Yesterday, while a carman was unloading goods at Messrs. William and Co.'s premises, Barge Row, Queen Victoria-st., he stepped back and fell down the lift shaft. He was taken to the hospital in a dying condition.

MOTOR FATALITY.

Yesterday, whilst a shooting party were returning from Grace Lees, Leicestershire, the seat of Sir Chas. Booth, the car, when near Loughborough, collided with a passing vehicle. The horse and driver were killed, another occupant of the vehicle, a woman, being seriously injured.

WELL PUNISHED.

SEVEN YEARS FOR A BRUTAL ASSAULT.

A young dressmaker's terrible experiences on a lonely heath were described at Guildford Assizes when Jno. Edwards, a powerfully-built labourer, was sentenced to seven years' penal servitude for a particularly brutal criminal assault on Gertrude Davis, at Wonersh, on Aug. 1.—Prosecutrix, a fair-haired girl of prepossessing appearance, aged 17, was in the habit of coming by train to Guildford daily to learn dressmaking. She left home in the morning to catch her train, and when walking across Blackheath was accosted by prisoner, who caught hold of her arm and dragged her on to the heath.—Despite her

Screams and Struggles

he assaulted her, and after stuffing a dirty handkerchief into her mouth dragged her further and committed another assault. In the struggle her clothes were nearly all torn off her back, and a blouse she was wearing at the time was shown, tattered and torn, to the jury. When Miss Davis attempted to escape prisoner, it was alleged, took a bottle from his pocket and forced some corrosive fluid into the girl's mouth. She knocked the bottle away and spat out the fluid, some of which burnt his cheek and nose. She became unconscious and laid on the heath with prisoner until a quarter to twelve—over three hours.

Threatened With a Razor.

When she regained consciousness she pleaded with him to let her go because she was hungry, and eventually he allowed her to do so, threatening that if she told her mother he would kill her. Previously he had threatened her with a razor and knife.—The girl's mother described to the jury the deplorable condition her daughter was in when she got home. The girl told her that a man named "Brassy" Edwards had nearly killed her, and attempted to poison her.—After prisoner had been found guilty, a previous conviction of indecent assault when he was 14 was proved. It was stated that Edwards bore an immoral character in the neighbourhood. A young girl, recently confined, had accused him of being the father of her child, and married women had complained of having been tampered with.—After receiving his sentence of seven years prisoner left the dock smiling.

CRIMINAL REPENTS,

AND SAVES THE LIFE OF HIS VICTIM.

A remarkable story of a criminal's reparation for his crime is being related at Zurich, says the Central News, the two central figures being a machine-minder and a machine-room apprentice in a local factory. The machine-minder, it appears, had a grudge against the apprentice, and plotted a fiendish murder. Inventing some pretext he persuaded the boy to creep inside an empty boiler which he then filled with steam. Happily, the boy's shrieks brought speedy assistance, but he was so fearfully scalded that his life was despaired of, and it was eventually decided at the hospital to which he was removed, that a skin grafting operation was the only means whereby it could be saved. One of the doctors then hit upon an idea. He obtained permission to interview the would-be murderer, who was in prison awaiting trial, and drew to him a harrowing picture of the agonies which his victim was suffering. He proceeded to describe the proposed operation, and then suggested that the prisoner should offer his own skin for the purpose, promising that if he consented, his sentence would be considerably shortened, instead of being one of imprisonment for life. The man, who appeared stricken with remorse, agreed, and was promptly transferred to the hospital, where portions of skin were removed from three parts of his body, and successfully grafted on to that of the boy. Both are now progressing favourably, and the machine-minder will receive only a nominal sentence, having, in fact, saved his own skin by losing it.

ALLEGED FRAUD.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER IN THE DOCK.

A mother and daughter were committed for trial at Bow-st., yesterday, on the charge of being concerned together in obtaining £3 17s. 6d. by false pretences from Mr. W. Box, of Great James-st., W.C. There were other charges against them of attempting to obtain money by similar means from Mr. C. R. Wooley, solicitor, Clement's Inn, and Mr. J. Johnson, of Essex-st., Strand.—Accused were Clara Wakefield, 46, of Ashcombe-rd., Wimbledon, and Helena Valentine, 21, of the same address.—They were arrested early in October by Det.-sergt. Hayman and Det. Joslin, but the case had been adjourned from time to time owing to the illness of the elder prisoner.—It was alleged that accused, on seeing statutory notices in the daily papers calling upon the creditors of deceased persons to send in their claims, forwarded fictitious accounts for underclothing and artificial teeth, which they had never supplied. For this purpose three addresses were used.—Prisoners smiled merrily while the evidence given at previous hearings was being read over.

LORD MAYOR AT HASTINGS.

Yesterday the Lord Mayor, Lady Mayoress, and Sheriffs visited Hastings in connection with the opening of the new wing of the Buchanan Hospital. The visitors proceeded in state coaches along a decorated route to the Town Hall, where the Mayor and Corporation presented an address of welcome. A public luncheon followed the ceremony at the hospital. The Lord Mayor said that he had been associated with Hastings from boyhood, and, following the example of his father, had become a resident.

BERMONDSEY BARBERS.

In a report of the Public Health Committee, to be presented at the meeting of the Bermondsey Borough Council on Wednesday, it is stated that the medical officer has examined the barbers' shops in the borough, which he classifies as follows:—Very clean, 16; fairly clean, 58; dirty, 16.

DEVON IN LONDON.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO GEN. BULLER.

Last night the Society of Devonians in London held its 21st annual dinner at the Hotel Cecil. The Chairman (Mr. Justice Eve) in proposing the toast of "Devon, our county," said that go where he would and mingle in whatever company he might, the Devonian could console himself with the thought that he was a citizen of no mean state. Devonians were the inheritors of great possessions. It was their privilege to enjoy that inheritance, and it was equally their duty to see it was handed down to future generations in at least as perfect a condition as they had received it from their ancestors. The restoration of the cathedral and the preservation of the moor was the duty of all Devonians. They considered it would be to their lasting disgrace if they did not erect a monument to the memory of the late Gen. Sir Redvers Buller which would

Remind Future Generations

of the love and respect in which his name had been held. At the present moment they were raising a fund which was to be expended on the church at Crediton, and which he asked them to show their interest in by subscribing to. He also appealed to Devonians to support all organisations which endeavoured to preserve the individuality and characteristics of the county. Lieut.-col. Sir Fdk. H. Upcott, the president of the "Devonians in Calcutta," responded, and mentioned that the number of Devonians over which he presided in Calcutta was between 80 and 90.

Builders of Empire.

Responding to the toast of "Devonians in London," proposed by the Mayor of Exeter, Mr. Jesse Collings, M.P., recalled the fact that he was the first president. Since then he had only missed two meetings—once when in Jamaica and once when he was in India—and it was on the latter occasion, when Devonians honoured him at dinner, that the "Devonians in Calcutta" was formed. He spoke also of the part which Devonshire men took in the building up of the British Empire of the past, saying that the men who drew up Magna Charta, the basis of English liberty, was a Devonshire man.—Sir F. C. Gould, also responding, said Devonshire men were not conceited. ("Oh!") But they had a proper sense of gratitude that they were not quite as other men were who were born outside of the county. The Germans had erected a statue to Drake for introducing the potato into Europe, and he wondered that Devonians had not erected a statue to Sir Walter Raleigh for introducing tobacco into England, "that delightful vice which had never made a bad man worse and made many a good man better."

THE TINPLATE INDUSTRY.

REPORTED HUGE ANGLO-AMERICAN COMBINE.

For some time past the dumping of foreign tinplates in the United Kingdom has caused considerable anxiety to British tinplate manufacturers, and for several months the matter has been seriously considered by home producers. As a result of these deliberations a combine between English and American tinplate manufacturers was yesterday formed in London with a huge capital, which, says "The Iron and Steel Trades Journal," means that Britain and America will practically control the tinplate industry of the world.

WORK FOR EXTRA THOUSANDS.

This combination means much to Great Britain, as its object is to embrace nearly every small tinplate manufacturer now in existence. South Wales will benefit to a large extent by this combine, inasmuch as additional works will have to be erected there and many extra thousands of hands employed in consequence. "The Iron and Steel Trades Journal" is furthermore informed that the capital is already provided to work the new amalgamation.

BILLIARDS.

H. W. STEVENSON v. T. REECE.

The match of 10,000 up for £100 a side came to a conclusion on Saturday night at Leicester-square, Stevenson winning, after a capital struggle, by 272 points. Stevenson conceded a start of 1,600, and play was resumed with the positions at Reece 8,408, Stevenson (in play), 7,741. Play in the afternoon opened in a style that afforded the spectators considerable pleasure, for, going on with an unfinished 226, Stevenson by superb billiards increased it to 265. He was also responsible for 82, 50, 61, 153, 176, 48, 63 and 534, and the best contributions by Reece consisted of 68, 412, 58, 45 and 116. At the sitting Stevenson scored 1,374 against 787, and at the interval there was a difference of 78, Reece leading at 9,193, against Stevenson's 9,115. Stevenson soon went in front at night, and finally won by 272. In an aggregate of 885 he had breaks of 256, 232, 150, 97 and 58, and Reece added 535 to his score, his chief runs consisting of 46, 145, 120 and 151. During the day Stevenson scored 2,258, against Reece's 1,422, and the closing totals were: Stevenson, 10,000; Reece (rec. 1,600), 8,728.

C. HARVERSON v. W. A. LOVEJOY.

At Burroughes and Watts's Saloon in Soho-sq., W., Lovejoy received a start of 1,000 in 6,000 up of C. Harverson. The latter held a lead of 561 when play was resumed yesterday, and his victory over Lovejoy was out of doubt. The afternoon session was extremely interesting, but Harverson had the best of the exchanges in aggregating 500 to his rival's 465. Harverson raised an unfinished 75 to 81, and he backed it up with 180, 42, 51, and 56. Lovejoy was responsible for breaks of 44, 68, 125, and 52, but was 717 behind at the interval. At night Lovejoy compiled 54, 62, 40, 168, and 156. Harverson contributed 140, 69, 33, 78, 51, 48, and 98, and eventually ran out an easy winner by 689 points. The final figures were: Harverson, 6,000; Lovejoy (rec. 1,000), 5,311.

M. INMAN v. J. MACK.

This match at Manchester for £50 ended in a draw. Mack received a start of 2,500 in 9,000, and led by 353 when play was resumed. During the day Inman aggregated 1,149 against Mack's 971, and when the game was abandoned Mack led by 175, the scores being: Mack, 8,458; Inman, 8,283.

SPORTING PRESS HANDICAP.

This handicap was proceeded with at Messrs. Orme's Saloon in Soho-sq. The best between Mr. R. Gray (rec. 100) and Mr. W. S. Morley, Brown (rec. 105), was declared void, and Mr. F. M. Carruthers (rec. 80) received a walk over in the absence of Mr. H. F. Chanter (rec. 150). A splendid game was witnessed between Mr. F. Whelan Boyle (rec. 95) and Mr. F. Neville Piggott (rec. 105). Mr. Boyle at one time was 50 points behind, but won after a fine struggle by 9 points. The best breaks were 13 by the winner and 16 by the loser.

TURF STATISTICS.

THE YEAR'S PRINCIPAL WINNERS.

(Specially Compiled.)

As usual at the end of the season we give our specially compiled statistics up-to-date. Thanks to Your Majesty, who won the St. Leger and the Eclipse stakes, as well as two other valuable races, Mr. J. E. Joel finishes at the head of the winning owners with a total of £28,946. Of this amount Your Majesty has secured no less than £19,286. Dean Swift has been another useful winner, his contributions amounting to £3,192. Mr. Joel has won nearly as much as the next two on the list, together, Mr. L. Newmann being second with £13,754 10s., and Mr. Wallis third with £13,038 10s. W. Higgs failed to fulfil his early promise and finished third instead of first. D. Maher, for the first time, heads the list. Wootton's suspension had a great deal to do with this.

WINNERS OWNERS.

Owner.	No. of winners	Races won	N't Value £
His Majesty	6	9	5,490
Mr. J. E. Joel	10	19	26,446
Mr. L. Neumann	4	11	13,754
Mr. Wallis	1	7	13,038
Chevalier Ginistrelli	3	7	11,400
Mr. W. Hall Walker	4	12	10,456
Mr. J. Reid Walker	6	13	10,163
Lord Carnarvon	16	28	10,045
Mr. L. de Rothschild	13	22	9,380
Lord Durham	19	42	8,213
Mr. W. Raphael	7	10	8,098
Sir Daniel Cooper	1	6	7,896
Mr. A. Barclay Walker	2	8	7,791
Mr. A. Stedall	12	2	6,791
Mr. A. Belmont	3	5	6,723
Mr. R. Croker	1	3	6,347
Mr. W. Clark	5	10	6,178
Lord Rosebery	4	11	6,058
Mr. Lionel Robinson	8	19	5,733
Col. T. L. Kirkwood	1	3	5,000
Mr. W. M. G. Singer	7	11	4,332
Lord H. de Walden	10	13	4,225
Mr. A. F. Bassett	5	5	4,163
Mr. J. Buchanan	10	14	4,149
The late Lord Derby	3	5	4,048
Mr. F. Hellis	8	16	4,039
Lady de Bathe	8	16	4,000

His Majesty sustained a severe loss when Persimmon met with an accident which eventually caused his death. His defunct horse has taken the premier place in the list of winning sires, the principal contribution to his aggregate of £29,484 15s. being the St. Leger winner. Your Majesty, who in his four races won £19,286.

WINNING SIRES.

Sire.	No. of winners	Races won	N't Value £
Persimmon	11	28	28,484
St. Frusquin	25	39	23,493
Bay Ronald	14	26	17,962
Galtrule	22	41	15,726
St. Simon	6	11	13,698
Chaleureux	4	10	12,845
Desmond	12	26	11,137
Diamond Thrush	12	21	9,493
Rosebery	11	27	9,364
Sager	18	35	9,429
Wildfowler	13	23	8,995
Bullion	7	14	8,314
Count Schomberg	10	29	8,099
Cyllene	7	31	7,617
Macon	11	18	7,495
Rantzau	14	27	7,353
St. Serf	12	27	7,339
Laveno	14	25	7,174
Octagon	3	5	6,723
Matchmaker	13	23	6,593
Isinglass	15	19	6,562
Florizel II	13	24	6,457
Arlington	8	13	6,147
Ayrshire	10	31	5,818
Will am the Third	9	15	5,681

Early last month it appeared that Charles Morton would have a very substantial advantage at the head of the winning trainers, but he has not turned

DANNY MAHER
[Photo. Muggeridge

out a winner since Dean Swift gained his sensational victory over Cocksure II. at Newmarket. Morton, however, retains the premier place.

WINNING TRAINERS.

Trainer	No of winners	Races won	N't Value £
C. Morton	12	21	26,431
A. Taylor	16	29	25,454
P. P. Gilpin	13	25	19,494
J. Watson	14	25	16,000
H. S. Persse	10	18	14,719
W. Elsey	17	24	13,870
F. Hartigan	19	40	13,538
J. E. Brewer	13	29	12,011
Chevalier Ginistrelli	1	2	11,400
W. G. Lambton	16	24	11,154
R. C. Dawson	17	33	10,833
R. Marsh	19	32	10,318
R. Sherwood	12	37	9,440
Capt. Dewhurst	16	27	8,828
P. Peck	13	23	8,419
W. Waugh	16	23	8,311
D. Waugh	7	10	8,044
G. S. Davies	17	31	7,703
S. Darling	15	25	7,402
A. Robinson	11	25	6,939
R. Wootton	21	36	6,723
A. Sadler, junr.	17	28	6,541
J. Allen	1	2	6,397
G. Chaloner	9	14	6,397
H. W. Sadler	6	8	6,261
W. T. Robinson	16	25	5,949

WINNING JOCKEYS.

	Jockey.	Wns.	Rds	Pct'tage
1	D. Maher	13½	491	28.30
*2	F. L. Wootton	129	602	21.42
3	W. A. Higgs	124	685	18.10
4	O. Madden	96	563	17.08
5	C. Trigg	77	670	11.49
6	W. Halsey	68	499	13.62
7	Wm. Griggs	63	530	11.88
8	W. Bailey	59	365	16.71
9	R. Dillon	57	315	18.09
10	H. Randall	56	394	14.21
*11	F. A. Foz	39	312	12.50
*12	R. Keeble	36	269	14.12
*13	C. E. Ringstead	37	317	11.67
14	Wal Griggs	37	338	10.95
15	G. Bell	36	256	14.06
16	H. Jones	32	220	14.54
17	J. H. Martin	31	351	8.83
*18	R. W. Crisp	28	243	11.52
19	R. Wheatley	25	208	12.01
*20	J. Clark	23	132	17.42
*21	F. Templeman	23	275	8.36
*22	W. Pratt	21	239	9.20
*23	C. Jones	21	179	11.73
*24	R. Piper	21	197	10.66
25	L. H. Hewitt	21	232	9.05
26	J. Plant	19	219	8.67
*27	W. Broadwood	19	312	6.08
28	W. Bullock	18	234	14.51
29	Mr. G. Thursby	17	51	32.07
*30	J. Howard	17	275	6.18

*Apprentices.

CITIZEN SOLDIERS.

THE DOINGS OF LONDON TERRITORIALS.

(Special Reports.)

The musters yesterday of London corps for outdoor work were not so numerous as on previous Saturdays. The 11th Batn. Cc. of London Regt. assembled at headquarters in Penkridge-st. and proceeded to Hampstead for night outpost work. Members of the 1st London Brigade R.F.A., and 9th Battery 3rd London Brigade R.F.A., went to Woolwich for riding drill; the 16th Batn. Co. of London (Queen's Westminster) had a route march; the 1st and 2nd London heavy batteries R.A., riding drill at Barnsbury, and a route march, and the 1st Batn. City of London Regt., transport work at Battersea. The "turn-out" competition of the drivers, Essex Artillery, took place at Stratford.

Prizes won last season by members of E Co., London Scottish, were distributed at Frascati's at the annual dinner, over which Capt. F. H. Lindsay presided. The annual report presented disclosed an efficient strength at the close of the official year of 78, the average attendance per man being 25. There were 18 marksmen, of whom Pte. J. W. Wilson was chief. The leading prize winners were:—Colr.-sergt. Macleod, Pte. A. Dark, and J. D. Ballantine, Lce.-corpls. F. H. McDonnell, Pte. F. MacCunn (Co. Challenge Badge), Sergt. Simpson (Polson and Airey Cups), Capt. F. H. Lindsay (Alexander Cup), Pte. J. W. Wilson (gold cross and S. African shield), Pte. F. M. Potter, Sergt. Baillie, Bugler A. Brown, Ptes. W. F. Johnson and A. McDonald, and Lce.-sergt. Robertson. The veterans' prize was won by Mr. A. Barrie, and the Grant Cup by No. 3 section (Sergt. Simpson).

At the headquarters of the London Rifle Brigade, Bunhill-row, the entertainment committee gave the first Bohemian concert of the season, Capt. Canning presiding. The corps has a great reputation concerning entertainments, and it goes without saying that a choice programme was presented.

The Mayoress of Hampstead presented the prizes to the 1st Cadet Batn. Royal Fusiliers, at their headquarters, the Mayor presiding. The commanding officer, Col. Sheffield, in his annual report referred to the continued success of the corps, and observed that the large percentage of cadets who joined the Army was a marked feature, while the fact that the three senior officers had each served over 20 years was a guarantee that the training was based upon experience. The leading individual winners were Pte. F. Jones (Marksman's Cup), Pte. Riley (Sheffield Cup), Corpl. Killen (the Signallers Cup), Sergt.-bugler Hovell and Corpl. Brooks (Band President's Cups). The best shot in the battalion was Drmr. S. Whittaker. Col. Sheffield referred to the energy displayed by their adjutant, Capt. C. R. Sibley, and incidentally mentioned that, in connection with the ceremonials, etc., given easily in the year to Crimean and Indian veterans, that that officer had written no fewer than 2,500 letters. A musical entertainment was given, to which the full string band under Mr. H. J. Parker performed a number of selections.

At Masons' Hall Tavern prizes won by members of D Co., 1st Cadet Batn., King's Royal Rifle Corps were presented at the annual dinner, over which Capt. H. J. Dear presided, with Colr.-sergt. S. G. Jones in the vice-chair. The prizes were distributed by Hon. Colonel W. Watts, C.B. The strength of the company is 81. The chief prize-scorers were: Colr.-sergts. Jones and Gilbert, sergts. Newman, Rogers, Wheeler, and Scarboro, Corpls. Green and Evans, Lce.-corpls. May and Wheeler, and Ptes. Vennear, Warren, Wellington, Robinson and Oliver. The company challenge cup was won by Colr.-sergt. Jones.

The results of annual returns rendered in respect of enrolled strength and efficiency, for the year ending Oct. 31 last, by the 1st London Divisional Engineers R.E. (formerly the East London Royal Engineer Volunteers) show an efficient strength of 435, out of an establishment of 472. The annual returns of the 12th Batn. County of London Regt. (Rangers) disclose an enrolled and efficient strength of 521, of which number 467 attended camp. In musketry the figure of merit for trained men was 108, and for recruits 125.

Sergeants of the 24th Batn. County of London gave an excellent Bohemian Concert at the headquarters, Kennington, Colr.-sergt. A. H. Edwards presiding, Sergt. C. Tuck being musical director. The 7th Batn. Essex Regt. and the D and F bugle bands, 13th County of London, gave similar entertainments, the former at the Hackney Drill Hall and the latter at headquarters, Kennington. At Clapham Junction the annual dinner of the Drum and Fife and Bugle Bands, and the annual concert of D Co., 23rd Batn. Co. of London Regt. took place. At Camberwell the members of the 1st City of London Regt. (Royal Fusiliers) attended an entertainment given by the Y.M.C.A.

At the headquarters of the Hon. Artillery Co. the annual competition of the signallers (the objective being the Fielding Trophy) took place. The result was that first place was awarded to No. 3 Co., for the second there was a tie by B Battery and No. 4 Co., and fourth place to A Battery. Capt. and Adjt. G. F. Stanley officiated as Umpire, assisted by Capts. Cooper and Lankester.

A number of

INDOOR GAMES AND PASTIMES.

NOTES, PROBLEMS, & PUZZLES.

BY OUR OWN SPECIALISTS.

CARDS.

[By E. B. TURNER.]

BRIDGE.

THE DEFENSIVE SPADE DECLARATION.—(Continued.)

Last week I analysed 32 hands in which Dealer made a defensive Spade call, was doubled, and made one or more tricks This week I shall treat of the 233 hands in which a defensive Spade declaration having been made the opponents doubled, and made one or more tricks. In these hands the opponents made Grand Slam five times, scoring 140 points (of course, in all these scores the tricks were worth 4 each, as the call had been doubled). Little Slam was made 11 times, worth 284. Five tricks were made 47 times, worth 940; four tricks were made 64 times, scoring 1,024; three tricks 31 times, worth 372; two tricks 27 times, worth 216; and one trick 48 times, worth 192. Thus, on these 233 hands Dealer lost 3,148 points below. In honours, Dealer scored 148 and the opponents 1,050, a balance against Dealer of 702 points. Therefore, the total loss, above and below, on these 233 doubled defensive Spade calls was 3,850, or, in other words, Dealer lost an average of 13½ (nearly) points below, and 3 points above on each hand, the actual figures being 13[10/23] below and 3[2/23] above. So we may say that his total loss was 16½ points on each hand. This is leaving out the 420 points scored for "Slams." Now, if he had "left it" on these 233 occasions Dummy would have called No Trumps on 26 occasions, and Dealer would have made one or more tricks on 11 occasions and lost one or more tricks on 15 occasions, winning 432 points and losing 420, a balance in his favour of 12 points. In honours, Dealer scored 310 and lost 240, a balance in his favour of 70. I must explain that though Dealer lost the trick or more on four more occasions than he won it, the equality of the scores is accounted for by the fact that once Dummy held 100 Aces, and made a Small Slam. I have omitted the 20 for the Small Slam in the above figures, and shall do so in all cases until I finally sum up. Dummy would have made Hearts trumps 47 times, and would have won one or more tricks 26 times, and would have lost one or more tricks 21 times, on three of which occasions he would have been doubled. Dealer would have won 344 points below, and lost 382 points below (the three doubles account for this loss), his total loss being 48 points. He would have scored 360 points for honours, and lost 204 (Dummy was "Chicane" several times), a balance in his favour of 156. Diamonds would have been trumps 56 times. Dealer would have scored on 25 occasions, and would have lost on 31. His loss in points below would have been on balance 108, and in honours he would have been 18 in the good. Clubs would have been made 60 times, and Dealer would have won on balance 36 below, and 132 above. Spades would have been made 36 times, and Dealer would have lost (they would nearly all have been doubled), 288 below and 64 above. As before, I include the Spade makes by Dummy to keep things square. I have counted these hands on the other side. The result of leaving it would have been that Dealer would have won 72 points below and lost 444, a balance against him of 372, or an average of about 1½ (1[36/233]) points a hand. He would have won 376 in honours and lost 64, a balance in his favour of 312, or about 1 1-3 (1[30/233]) points a hand. Therefore, to sum up these 233 hands, Dealer, by leaving it, would have lost about 1½ points a hand, by calling Spades himself he would have lost 1¼ points a hand. He would, by leaving it, have scored 1 1-3 points a hand; by calling Spades himself he would have lost 3 points a hand in honours. The total points lost by leaving would have been 30, by calling himself 3,850.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

CRIBBAGE.—Stonehenge.—With cards played 6, King, 4, 5, there is no run. Chips (Coventry).—With cards played 4, 4, 4, J., 4, 2, 1, 2, there is no second run of 3 to the player of the second 2.

WHIST.—X. Y. Z.—Yes. Y. Z. can add 3 points to their score, and A. B. can only score up to 4. It is quite according to the rules.

BRIDGE. — Ajax. — With the hand: Hearts, none; Diamonds, Q., J.; Clubs, A., K., Q., J., 9, 8, 6, 4, 2; Spades, K., 7, I should make Clubs trumps, as dealer at the score of love all in the first game. You are sure of 12 below and 32 above, anyhow. If your partner made a moderate Heart you might come to grief. At the score of love to 28 in the last game of the rubber I should, of course, plunge, and make it No Trumps, and trust to my partner to get me in in Hearts or Diamonds.

CHESS.

[By T. F. LAWRENCE.]

It is pleasant to note that the youthful Middlesex County Association is going well and strong, and judging from the performance in the 50-board match against Surrey last Saturday there is every prospect that the record this season will show an advance on even the splendid results of last year. The match with Surrey was played at the Mecca Cafe, Chancery-lane, and both counties were strongly represented, no efforts having been spared to put the best possible teams into the field. Middlesex, however, led almost from the start, and maintaining the advantage won by a handsome margin, the final score being 31 to 19. This promises well for the meeting with Yorks in the English County Championship, to be played at Sheffield on the 12th prox. Still, the North countrymen were very tough opponents, and may be relied on to give the visitors all the fighting they want, and perhaps a little over.

A match of 10 games up is now in progress at Berlin between Mieses and Marshall. Both members belong to the attacking school, and the Chess public look forward with confidence to some sparkling games. Master discussion is a match between Jaworski and Duras. This should prove particularly interesting. Should the match eventuate it will probably be played at Paris.

Dr. Tarrasch has just published "The Book of the Championship Match" containing in 140 pages full details of the history of the great contest, together with the games and analytical notes of characteristic extent and thoroughness To these is appended a valuable analysis of the Rook and Pawn ending suggested by the ending of the 15th game. Incidentally we gather that the Nuremberg master has lost all faith in the French Defence and proposes shortly publishing a work giving his reasons at length.

Gloucestershire beat Wilts by 9½ to 6½ in the Southern Counties Championship The Rev. A. G. Gordon and Mr. Rumbell won for the losers against Mr. Bedden and Mr. Edwards.

Northampton beat Birmingham Chess Club on Saturday at Birmingham by 3 to 2. Mr. A. J. Mackenzie scored the only win for the home team against Mr. Thorwell. Mr. F. W. Shaw and Mr. H. F. Sries drew at Board No. 2.

PLAYED IN THE PRAGUE MASTER TOURNAMENT.

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED.

White—Schlechter; Black, Dus-Chotimirsky.

White.	Black.	White.	Black.
1 P—Q4	P—Q4	14 Kt2QP	QtP
2 P—QB4	P—K5	15 KtxKt	PtKt
3 Kt—QB3	P—QB4	16 B—QKt2	Kt—Q4
4 PxQP	P—KP3	17 R—QBsq	Q—Kt4
5 Kt—KB3	Kt—QB3	18 Q—Q2	P—KB3
6 P—KKt3(a)		19 P—QR4! (f)	
	B—K7(B)		Q—Kt2
7 B—Kt2	Kt—B3	20 B—QR3!	KR—Qsq
8 Castles	B—K2	21 KR—Qsq	K—Q1
9 P—QR3	Castles(C)	22 Q—B3	B—Qsq
10 PxP	P—Q4(D)	23 P—K4(G)	Kt—Kt5
11 Kt—QKt5	BxP	24 RtR	KtxB(H)
12 P—QKt4		25 Q—K7	Q—Kt8
	Q—Kt3(E)	26 RxQBP(I)	Resigns
13 PxB	QtKt		

A. With the object of establishing early pressure on the adversary's weak Pawn

B. K3 is seldom a good post for the Bishop in the Queen's side openings. A preferable alternative is PxP, followed by B—QB4.

C. And now P—QB5 is clearly indicated.

D. Giving White an opportunity which he does not fail to turn to account. Comparatively better would be BxP, though White would still have the pull.

E. If now B—Kt3, then B—Kt2, and the Pawn cannot be saved.

F. Beautifully timed.

G. Late, but decisive!

H. On QxR would follow: 25. P—R5, Kt—Rsq; 26. P—K5.

I. A neat finish to a shining example of the art of gradually improving a slight positional advantage into ultimate victory. White started by isolating his opponent's Queen's Pawn, then concentrated on the weak spot and initiated a forward movement that did not cease until Black's game almost automatically fell to pieces. Such a game does more to teach Chess than half a dozen brilliancies

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM NO. 357.

Keymove: 1. Kt—Q5.

If KxP; 2. P—Q4 mate.

If RxB; 2. Kt—K7 mate.

If K—Kt3; 2. Q—(K8)—B4 mate.

Correct Solutions received from: "Old Solver," F. C. Dixon, T. H. Bentinck, Fritz Becht, R. A. Ness, C. E. Ford, "Neffusor," F. Stacey, S. W. Northcott, H. A. Bicksley, J. E. Boosey, J. Hue, "J. M. S.," A. E. M. and L. Valpy (London and Districts), F. Rogers (Penhill), L. Penfold (Steyning), H. E. Knott (Tenbury), E. W. Turner (Tiptree Heath), Nellie Morris (Winchelsea), W. Rush (Ramsgate), F. G. Lee (Tunbridge Wells), "C. F. S." (Salisbury), K. W. Japling (Maidenhead), W. Best (Shepton Mallet), L. B. Liddall (Cardiff), J. W. Young (Shaftesbury), A. K. Hitchcox (Watford), E. R. Valpy (Southport), A. J. Haslam (Birkdale), A. Peacock (Herne Bay), C. Spray (Nottingham), F. W. Shaw (Northampton), W. C. Bennett (Windsor), H. C. Black (Teddington)

Correct Solution to Problem No. 356 (B) received too late to be acknowledged last week from:—W. G. Howell, "Goldsworth Lodge," F. Oysterley, "J. N. S.," P. L. Jennings.

PROBLEM No. 358.

Second prizewinner "El Paio" Tourney.

BLACK—11 Pieces.

WHITE—11 Pieces.

WHITE.—K at QR8, Q at KKt5. Bs at QR5 and Q5, Kts at QKt6 and QR17, Ps at QKt2, QB2, Q6, KB5 and KB8.

BLACK.—K at QKt4, Rs at K8 and KR6 Bs at KB8 and KBsq, Kt at KRsq, Ps at QR3, QB6, Q5, Q6, and K5.

White mates in three moves.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

F. F. Stace.—1. Diagram correct. 2. No. "Neffusor."—Both positions incorrect as forwarded. Please repeat in full, with solution. P. Lang.—With examples. F. J. Jones.—Why not PxP? Hillsenda and others.—If 1. Q—Kt7, P—Q4. "Old Solver."—Both received. A. C. Coe.—Not received. Tregada.—The King's Knight plays to Q3 in answer to White's 4. P—K5.

Solutions (on postcards preferred) to be addressed "Chess" Editor, "The People" Milford-lane, W.C. They should be posted so as to arrive not later than Wednesday noon in each week. In two-movers the key move only need be given; in three-movers the following variations

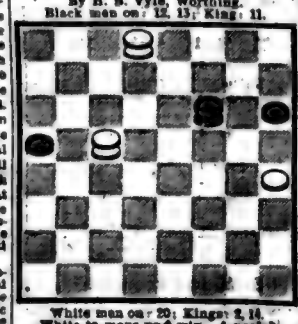
DRAUGHTS.

[By J. M. ROBERTS.]

PROBLEM No. 584.

By H. B. Vyle, Worthing.

Black men on: 12, 13; King: 11.



White men on: 20; Kings: 2, 14.

White to move and win. A useful end-game.

PROBLEM No. 585.

By A. Graham, Surrey Commercial Docks D.C.

Black men on: 5, 16, 20, 21, 28.

White men on: 13, 27, 32; King: 10.

White to move and draw. Another of the useful variety.

PROBLEM No. 586.

By H. G. Strange, Chelsea.

Black men on: 7, 13, 14, 17, 22; King: 24, 31.

White men on: 8, 12, 15, 16, 18, 23, 32.

White to move and win in six.

A pleasing stroke.

PROBLEM SOLUTIONS.

No. 580.—By J. Churchill, Barking.

A-7	2	1-13	17	18	22	10 14	8 11
- 4	9	10	14	21	25	20 4	14 29
- 3	6	17	21	22	18	29 25	15 19
9	13	14	18	C-25	30	4 8	White
6	10	B-25	29	13	13	12 16	wins.

A. Suggested to win, and correct Mr. Hirst, of Barnsley, who here played 17-13,

which only draws, in his criticism of Problem No. 551.

a. If 8-11, then 18 22, 25-29, 26-23, 21-25, 23-18, 25-30, 19-15 White wins; or if 25-30, then 18-15 wins (see end of trunk).

c. If 8-11 then 18 22, 25 30, 26 23, 30-25, 23-18 White wins.

Variation 1.

D-25 29	19 15	21 5	25 22	22 26	
10 14	2-25 21	23 19	29 16	14 18	
29 25	26 23			W. wins.	

D. If 8-11, then 10-14, 25-30, 26-22, 30-25, 22 18, 25 22, 19-15 White wins; or if 25-30, then 10-15 wins as in trunk

Variation 2.

25 30	15 11	13 9	23 19	26 31	
14 10	8 15	26 23	22 26	19 15	
30 23	10 26	17 22	20 16	W. wins	

No. 581.—By H. Freedman.

Black men on 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13, 19, 20.

White men on 14, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 28, 31, 32.

White to move and draw in six.

21 17	6 10	7 23	20 27	3 10	
13 22	14 19	27 18	32 7	18 4	
15 10				Drawn	

No. 582.—By E. P. Richards, Pembrokeshire

Black men on 4, 8, 14, 15, 16, Kings: 22, 30.

White men on 7, 10, 23, 28, 29, 31, King: 13.

White to move and win in seven.

23 18	13 9	15 11	14 7	31 26	
14 23	29 25	21 14	2 27	26 3	
31 26	30 21	7 2		W. wins.	

A good example of the double-stroke.

The above problems should have been numbered 581, 582, and 583 respectively.

CRITICISM.

Mr. F. Wilson, of Margate, Champion of the Isle of Thanet, and Mr. J. Gammons, dancing, sends play on Game 582 similar to that shown by K. Sallaway in our last issue, but this was unfortunately overlooked. Mr. Wilson also writes:—"At 30th move of Game 578, the position is: Black on 1, 2, 3, 11, 15, 18, 28; White on 12, 17, 20, 26, 30, 31, 32. Instead of 17-13, play 17-14, 2-7, 31-27, 14-18, 30-25, 6-10 23-21, 10-17, 21-14, 7-10, 14-7, 3-10, 20-16, 11-20, 27-24, White wins.

For the following interesting game, played in a Birmingham Districts League match, we are indebted to Mr. F. F. Smith, of that City:—

Game No. 583.—"DOUBLE CORNER."

Black, F. F. Smith; White, E. T. Ward.

Notes by F. F. Smith.					
9 14	A-25 21	6 10	15 22		3 12
22 18	B-9 13	25 22	11 16	11 7	
5 9	30 26	11 15	20 1	14 18	
24 20	2 7	15 19	16 16	7 2	
10 15	22 17	8 11	22 15	6 9	
26 24	13 22	27 24	10 26	4 6	
15 22	26 10	1 6	3 -8	31 26	
28 10	7 14	E-31 27	26 31	9 13	
7 14	29 25	14 10	14 9	6 3	
				Drawn.	

A. Now similar to 19-13, 24-19 opening, colours reversed, with the exception that the man on 32 is wanted on 29.

B. An original move, so far as I am aware, and played to double-balance Mr. Ward's knowledge of published play. In a 1902 Scottish Tourney game given in "Dunne's Praxis," 1-5 is shown to draw here. In the match between E. T. Ward and J. Alexander in 1904, the former played 3-7 and lost as follows:—

5 7	16 20	25 14	9 6	30 26	
2 7	24 16	23 18	6 1	1 6	
7 10	13 14	2 7	14 14	26 26	
17 13	9 18	17 14	17 21	6 10	
10 15	C-26 23	18 23	9 6	5 9	
24 28	D-18 24	27 18	21 25	10 5	
1 5	23 19	6 10	6 -	9 13	

Followed by 3-7, etc., and White wins.

c. Varies from a Freeman-Jordan match game, where 21-17 was played, and a draw resulted as shown below:—

21 17	6 10	25 22	4 8	17 13	
12 16	16 19	18 14	29 25	26 31	
17 14	14 10	24 19	26 30	14 10	
18 22	19 15	15 24	25 21	5 9	
26 17	10 7	8 15	30 26	24 19	
6 9	23 32	24 27	21 17	27 31	
13 6	7 2	31 24	24 27	10 14	
2 10	8 14			Drawn.	

D. 12-16, 23-14, 6-9, 13-6, 2-13, etc., is where Ward missed the draw, says J. Alexander. E. Mr. Ward thought he might have done better by 32-28, but Mr. Smith demonstrated it to be a loss.

LONDON MINOR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Results of heats in the Minor Medal Competitions to hand at the time of going to press are as follows:—Metcalf beat Chamberlain, Jones beat Watson, Hume beat Cattell, Lowcock beat Aitchison, Gray beat Hughes, Hall beat Mackenzie, Bennett beat Wyman, Prince beat A. Hall, Mitchell beat Baines, Scurry beat Tarrish, Hall, Bowden beat Pyman, Hall beat Jones, Lowcock beat Blackmore, Cole beat Hume, Bennett beat Prince, Semmens beat T. Smith and Cole drew and beat a still light. The second round is now in progress. Considerable interest in any event has resulted, which has not reached Mr. J. M. Roberts, the secretary, Norwood, S.W., by whose duty both will be handled next. The draw for the semi-final will be taken at Chess-a-Mate, Gerrard-street, W., on Thursday next, at 8.30 p.m.

LONDON LEAGUE.

Matches in the London League are now getting into good swing, and each evening gives promise of a keen contest. The result sheet is completed up to Monday, 23rd inst., Hendon and Hampstead played with the exception of a Fourth Division fixture West End v. Bexley, the result of which is not to hand:—

SECOND DIVISION.

	GAMES.			MATCHES.			
	W.	L.	D.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
North London	1	0	1	1	0	0	2
Hendon	1	0	1	1	0	0	2
City & London	1	0	1	1	0	0	2
Kilburn	1	0	1	1	0	0	2
Clapham	1	0	1	1	0	0	2
Hampstead	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
Bexley	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
Bank	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
Stock Exchange	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
Metropolitan	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
Civil Service	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
Hackney	1	0	1	0	1	0	0

EARLY DIVISION.

City of London	1	1	0	1	0	0	2
Surrey Oaks, Docks	1	1	0	1	0	0	2
Kew (a)	1	1	0	1	0	0	2
Kew (b)	1	1	0	1	0	0	2
Hackney	1	1	0	1	0	0	2
Wanderers	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
Wood Green	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
Mitcham	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
City of London	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
Wanderers	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
Wood Green	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
Mitcham	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
City of London	1	0	1	0	0	1	1

THIRD DIVISION.

West End	1	1	0	1	0	0	2
Hampstead	1	1	0	1	0	0	2
Bexley	1	1	0	1	0	0	2
Bank	1	1	0	1	0	0	2
Stock Exchange	1	1	0	1	0	0	2
Metropolitan	1	1	0	1	0	0	2
Civil Service	1	1	0	1	0	0	2
Hackney	1	1	0	1	0	0	2
Kilburn	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
Clapham	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
Hendon	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
North London	1	0	1	0	0	1	1

FOURTH DIVISION.

Hackney	1	1	0	1	0	0	2
Wanderers	1	1	0	1	0	0	2
Mitcham	1	1	0	1	0	0	2
Wood Green	1	1	0	1	0	0	2
Kew (a)	1	1	0	1	0	0	2
Kew (b)	1	1	0	1	0	0	2
Surrey Oaks, Docks	1	1	0	1	0	0	2
City & London	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
Kilburn	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
Clapham	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
North London	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
Hendon	1	0	1	0	0	1	1

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

K. Rapaport (St. Peter's).—Many thanks for interesting photo. Mr. Rapaport is the fifth from the left in the third row. A. A. Cameron at the press. W. Hewson (Battersea).—Thanks for handsomely mounted problems shown at meeting. Mrs. Hawkins, most welcome for an interesting record of Mr. North. F. L. Hammond (Merton Club

THE TURF.

By "LARRY LYNX" (W. LOTINGA).

*** "Larry Lynx" cannot correspond with his readers, nor can he upon any consideration undertake betting commissions.

[Notes on the Week's Racing, with Jottings and Analysis of important pending Races, appear in full, together with Selections for each day, in our Friday and Saturday Editions. The whole is condensed into the briefest possible space in our Sunday issue, which mainly deals with Saturday's Racing and selections for the early part of the ensuing week. The earlier editions should be ordered through a Newsagent, or at the Railway Bookstalls.]

THE EARLY WEEK.

The flat racing season has ended, Birmingham opening its final stage. Wootton's continued luck, and the extraordinary fact that his six mounts were all favourites, marked a fair programme. Just now the boy could'nt "do wrong"; his father and the stable patrons were naturally running everything possible with a winning chance—even putting useful horses in selling plates to give the boy a success. Alaric, who has always run well, ended a long sequence of failures in the Welter, and then Madden on Angouleme just beat Wootton for the chief handicap. But afterwards the Australian lad carried everything before him. Hopton, beaten at Hurst Park on Saturday, had come on for the Nursery, just heading the 7st. weight, Briolet, who had gained Lady de Bathe the big Derby juvenile handicap. Mr. Catling's 40 sov. purchase, Berilos, scored again under a penalty; evidence of how much a change of stables CAN improve any horse. The conclusion was rather tame, significant features being the continued successes of outsiders, and the utter failure now of little Wootton, who was, of course, expected" to win all the races. The chief handicap claimed two customary developments in producing the poorest field of the day, and in falling to the biggest outsider among the runners. Of course bookmakers could hardly reckon up their own winnings this season, and yet I hear even the stay-at-home men, particularly those betting in the big clubs, have not won equally, inasmuch as long-priced winners have been the medium of s.p. coups, whereby they have been heavily hit. All the big races, they admit, have been enormous "benefits" to them, but the little events have at times brought them heavy loss. With Maher scoring one notch on Flachale in the Selling Plate, his lead over Wootton totalled 11, so there was really no likelihood of the American failing to head the winning list for the first time in his career. The selling plater, Quickbeam, showed much improved form over a distance of ground. Point of View beat the Quadrants, Kuma and Pinneford, in the handicap, and The Tower won again, despite a penalty. This horse has indeed proved a little gold mine to his connections. Rarey Sort, bought cheaply at Alexander Park, took the selling stake, while the nursery fell to Mr. Peebles with his own filly, Nitouche, who was not very little fancied.

NEWBURY.

May weather, but an extraordinary arrangement whereby the already and always heavily-decked racing army were made to be at Birmingham one day, come back to Newbury for another, and go thence to Manchester. A reversal of things would surely have made the travelling route one direct line, not alone saving time and trouble, but thousands in expense. What it means to take troops of thoroughbreds all over the country only those who have had their little dabble can realise—or believe. There were, of course, plenty of runners, crowds of people, and a strong ring, but many believed that the attendance was hardly up to the usual Newbury standard; yet the receipts showed that it was to better meeting than last year. The elephantine Waterlow was always beating the pony-like Sosana in the Selling, it was smothered by the equally diminutive Larkspur II., who stays so well that she was not dear at 220gs., at which the stable, with their influential lank outstayed me—anxious as I was to get the winner. The wiry little Green Ribbon ran rather poorly, it goes up for sale at Newmarket, which reminds me that I am sorry to record that Mr. J. Buchanan is none too well just now. It would be a mercy backers if my unknown correspondents in South Africa accept Mr. Goodchild's offer of Schnappa at £200. The gelding is genuine enough, sound enough, and MUST win a race, but we who have "bought" him time after time want to know when or whether we shall be alive or have any money or credit to bet with WHEN the time comes. There are always lots of sales at Newbury, and among them now several yearlings which were mere "rabbits," none making their reserve. We had a parade for the Cup, but the use of the new-coloured armlet prevents the names of the horses being used. On looks there was only one in the race, Rockbourne, who bore a perfect summer bloom. He had his chance, too, and well way up the straight was shouted as the only one that looked like coming to beat Lischana. "Taylor at the back end" is always the speculators maxim, but the mare only just squeezed home after doing all she could to "throw it up." Her victory was really due to two causes over which her connections had no control, which only evidences how luck decides things. Had Prince of Orange not gained a penalty in the selling stake at Doncaster, he must have won it, and similarly would Specifical have done so but for unaccountably losing his place when in front on the rails a quarter of a mile down. His finish was terrific, robbing Rockbourne of a place, while he would have won it outright in three more strides. Lord Carnarvon's Nursery performance this season has been astounding, for all his horses begin winning with fast up and finish by doing so with equal ease under the top weight. My selection, Parga, ran right well, just falling out when everybody was proclaiming her success. It was some consolation, also, to hear shouts of "I'll take 3—1 Parga wins about your 20—1 long shot." Granzial, as usual, only ran well, and yet another one of the season's crowd of consistent failures. The running it asked any odds upon St. Luce, but Gem Rod slammed them all, although not observed until close home, as she was drawn right against the stand railings. The bookmakers could not pronounce her name, so continuously alluded to her as "No. 19." The significant fielding against Stram put a good many off for the concluding race, which he won just cleverly, and Wootton come about his business instead of looking round and waiting for others a long way from home, he must have finished alone.

MANCHESTER.

It always seems a very long way off to Manchester November meeting when flat racing begins, but the season rapidly hurries by, and at last the Jockey Club rule is ended. It was pretty much the usual Manchester type of weather, dull, with a going holding. Nothing of much consequence in the sport—which tapered off towards the end—but for the turn of events, his treble success putting him for a time in the running for second position to Maher. Gradually dropped to the scale, Merrerdi, revelling in the softened ground, took the Delamere Handicap, in which old Hampsfell returned to active life from the stud. Little Briar, an Irish filly, won the Nursery, which Powney's "good thing," Old Derwick, did not, as expected, alone for the Derby beating, although he did just reverse those positions with Santarello. Crusader, like his companion, the ill-fated Schnappa, has now gone through a second season without a bracket, although as good a favourite as anything for the Brackley Handicap won by Caps Verde, who is by Greenlawn, whose stock do so well in South Africa. Of course, if anything could happen to anything it would be Crusader, who struck into something and came on his knees, dropping right out of the race.

The flat racing season naturally died hard, and each day's running provided quite an interesting phase. With only three runners for the Pendleton Plate, Hill Climber could not escape his customary "disappointments," cost the public this season. Companions in misfortune come to mind instantly in Schnappa, Certosa, Retrenchment, Crusader, Peter Jackson, Rockbourne, and countless others. Gallcot won Mr. Atherton-Brown the Flying Handicap, for which, due to being Wootton's mount, Retrenchment was favourite. Trainer's horses fought out the selling Nursery, in which My Uncle "popped" up from huge field. As Alwine was unlucky at Derby her success in the Ellesmere Handicap now was fully expected, but the price terribly cramped. She won the Nursery here 12 months ago. After a favourite's success came the customary surprise in the big nursery, the Accurate filly, like so many winners of late, jumping off in front and being uncaught. Seeing that Red Gown, who won the Friday Plate over a mile, realised 230sns., Escott truly got a bargain in the Lilian Witt filly at Lingfield when only paying 30gns. Marlioto continued Lord Durham's good luck in the County Handicap, Wootton being the only one of the three leaders to win a race. Wavella ran well, finishing fourth, the trouble being for owners to get jockeys, and then for the horses themselves to escape the scrimmaging inseparable from huge fields on a circular course.

LATEST.

Old China has "broken" us, although after such a season of big race results very few backers remained unchipped. Anyhow, we are all used to such shocks and such results. Is it the North redivivus, which, after years of quietude, Mingo's Cesarewitch two years ago recalled? Now the Manchester Handicap quickly followed the Derby Cup to Malton, Yorks, where they "do the curling." This, with Old China's "North" Plate, is the fourth big long distance handicap of the year going to Yorkshire. All honour to Hagan with his little team. The romance of Old China's ownership we heard of when she just beat "ours" at Newcastle. Now she had practically never been priced. As last year, with Wise Mason, Mr. Stedall was second, whilst Cargill only just saved the winter's coal by the place. He was surely bound to beat the "rotten" Derby Cup and Liverpool Cup form, and started favourite finally. I see nothing in the entry to beat the big horse at the weights, but we've gone down in hosing for the whole hog. When honestly believing Cargill to be the good thing I did think he was; my habit is not to mince matters. I say what I think, and back myself—that is my own opinion. We've had a good run and twice the final price each way, but the bookmakers handicap cherub won't to be dislodged. Of what use is comment? Flat racing is dead as mutton, and to remind us Orpington opportunely reappeared at Portsmouth Park yesterday. Henceforward it is the different game—cramped odds, more "shocks" and risks —but fine sport. All goes on the same (or better) in these columns; selections regularly, "special" good things occasionally, and winners spasmodically. Batbo and Nightingall, and others, are sure to have a few winners for us, and we, anyhow, shall see them go round and round for our money. Follow the man from "The People," and see.

What a drop; especially noticeable just at first. How I should dearly love to be able to join in that little scamper from hill to hill at Aldershot, where Col. Toogood has had the good fortune to get the National winner Rubio, entered in the Camp Steeplechase. Post bettors can judge best what they are to back, and I would only hint that on his from at Newbury SCYTHE must surely about win the Hurdle Handicap. At Leicester the course is exactly suitable to LET GO THE PAINTER, and we know how Mr. Romer Williams would like his little horse to win here—so he may take the Broxhills Steeplechase. The next day we are aware that KNEAD is 5lt. the four-year-old having Caruso to beat in the Hurdle Handicap, while only penalised 5lb., which is an insufficient "extra." RAZORBILL on his Newbury victory should take the Sileby Handicap.

At Kempton we shall begin our jumping proper, and here the "good thing" of the week runs.

SPORT JOTTINGS.

The Johannesburg Christmas meeting is to be a record one, the stakes offered aggregating nearly £11,000.

H. Stokes, the jockey who rides for Renwick's stable in the North next year, becomes a benedict on Jan. 4.

Who is the lucky peneiller who is able to build himself a lovely and lonely recuperating villa in the Scilly Islands.

Mrs. Lyons in England is certainly not as good as Mr. Lyons in Ireland, where the popular owner heads the list.

They have only to "stand up to rake it in," is what is said with some truth concerning some bookmakers on the course of late.

"Couldn't waddle" is the term a certain crack jockey recently employed in describing the lack of ability of his mount, which the owner had very seriously expected to win. Just like owners!

Several of the s.p. bookmakers, especially the Saunders Club men, are going over to "The Sporting Life" in regard to its being the official organ for their s.p. returns.

With the troop of runners that we now see careering in a perfect cloud past the judge, one is inclined to instinctively ask, "Where are the hounds?"

At a jumping meeting recently a famous gentleman jockey was asked to ride in a three-mile steeplechase. As he was proceeding to mount the owner approached him, saying, "I hope you will have a safe ride—my horse is not perhaps what you would call a steeplechaser, but he goes wonderfully well in single and double harness." He didn't go far in the race!

It is not generally known to those who follow racing that every trainer has not alone to supply a team from Buenos Ayres January, and name for whom he is training, but immediately he receives a horse into his care he has to submit to the authorities the name of the animal, and its owner and have consent to train him.

I think it is any odds upon Lord Dudley running a few horses in Australia, and should the means wonder if before long his Majesty, with his wonderful tact, does not also ship or buy something there to carry the royal colours. Australians are already agog over the idea.

This week I met a leading s.p. man who is in great trouble—not financially —but to know where to go for a long winter holiday. I have not yet encountered a backer similarly arranging his future movements. Verb sap!

Natal has its sporting editor, "Orius," of the "Mercury," who is three stone and the length of a street in front of "Larry Lynx." He not only tipped the winner of several big English handicaps, but went solidly and repeatedly for Marcoril in the Cambridgeshire. Hats off to Mr. Wallace!

The opening of the N.H. season reminds one of poor Arthur Birch's accident of just two years ago. I have this week heard from the poor but excessively brave fellow, telling me that he is keeping wonderfully well, has occasional calls from friends, enjoys all the pictorial papers which so many of us send him, and looks forward to my running down to see him this Christmas time.

Owners racing in South Africa who want a jockey should give the Brothers Manser a chance. George, who can ride 7st. 7lb., being an adept either on the flat or over hurdles, while little Rolly Manser, who goes to scale at 7st., rode a lot of winners there last winter, but was invalided home this spring through an accident, from which, however, he is now all right. No boys have had sounder drilling or better actual experience than these brothers, who are horsemen bred and born.

Messrs. Chapman and Hall (Ltd.), have issued a useful work of reference entitled "Sport and Athletics in 1908." It deals extensively with the results of all the important sporting events during the year, and makes an exceedingly handy register. The work should be entitled to be regarded as the "whitaker" of the sporting world.

I am able to say that most of the jockeys from the various continents who are riding here now, consider the English owner the most easily gullible of all people. What is believed, accepted, and acted upon here dare not be put up at all in America, South Africa, or the colonies!

It is not generally known that the auctioneer takes all the risk as regards the sale of horses if he accepts cheques in payment; and what other could an auctioneer do? Mr. Arthur Stevens has been "let in" three times of late, and I certainly think that executives, or even the owners themselves, should, anyhow, take a proportionate part of the risk.

There has never been a season in which our horses, classic, handicap, or two-year-olds, have run so utterly "in and out." Is it their mediocrity, poor jockeyship, the varying elements, or the fault of their trainers? Truly the handicappers, as well as backers, have experienced a wicked time.

Who is the popular owner who jocularly put it to the handicappers "that as they had not permitted him to win a single race in two years he would expect them to keep him from now until Lincoln?" Are the handicappers likely to do it, despite their unquestioned severity upon the very popular owner's few horses?

Not a single big race, the St. Leger excepted, has fallen to a favourite the year through, and yet some of the extra sharp s.p. bookmakers are so little satisfied that they actually try to ring in a 16 to 1 limit on these big handicaps, which is tantamount to saying that one can only back about three horses to get the fair odds. If 20 or 50 to 1 ARE laid against horses on the course it is all the odds against them, apart from the certainty that even bigger prices could actually have been obtained.

The Lagos (Southern Nigeria) race meeting was held last month, being a three day's fixture and providing very fair sport. The chief event was the Governor's Cup, but the richest prize the Agents' Cup. The racing there is invariably carried out under a tropical sun, there being a day's interval between each portion of the meeting so as to give the horses a rest, as practically the same little troop compete each time.

I doubt if I have ever seen a cheaper purchase than that of the three-year-old Fair Faith (by Veracity—Iris) by Alec Thirlwell, at Lingfield recently for 50gns. Perfectly sound, beautifully moulded, although somewhat small, Col. Fenwick was merely weeding the filly out because she had temporarily lost her form, probably because she had become sickened of flat racing. Some of her earlier efforts in handicap company made her worth £500, and the only doubt there can be is that she may be too small to carry the weight for jumping. But for Thirlwell being a personal friend, and specially desiring to buy the mare, I should certainly have taken her for South Africa.

How frequently and amusingly the most trivial things do give one away. A notable sportsman, who does not allow his predilection for the turf to be known among his employees, recently had a day at Kempton, and being introduced to a bookmaker, had his trivial wagers booked, giving his name and address on a business card. His Monday morning's account for some two sovereigns owing duly arrived and was opened by his right-hand man; taken to be an ordinary account for goods, it was duly filed for payment at the month end. As it happened, the principal, who had gone over to Paris on business, had clean forgotten that he was indebted to the fielder, who failing to get payment over this, the first transaction with a palpably "good" man, sent a most furious communication (also opened by his clerk) ascribing his new client as a defaulter of the worst type; upon which the unfortunate sportsman has naturally become rather a laughing stock for his employees.

H. Aylin, the jockey, who has just returned home again from Austria, will ride in jumping races occasionally this winter, but intends to pick his mounts. He has just finished a fairly successful season abroad, having ridden 30 winners, although the stable with which he is associated was none too fortunate in many ways, and did not shelter their usual number of useful horses. Aylin returns to Austria again next March, and it is in deference to the wishes of his employers that he will only have a few really good rides here this winter. He has further promised to desist entirely a month previous to his having to return to Austria to ride on the flat next spring to avoid any chance of accident.

In common with practically every race meeting during the just ending year, the profits of the Brighton race meetings show a falling off of £600, or £1,500 in comparison with 1906. This has been partially due to bad weather and the omission of certain selling races, which usually provide the executive with a substantial surplus. The popularity and the attendances, however, were not in the least mitigated, the actual takings at the enclosures showing no diminution. All Brighton were delighted at the success of the King's horse at the August meeting. Brighton is one of the now very few free and open gatherings despite which, due to the "gentle" methods of those concerned, the greatest order prevails.

H. Johnson, who earned fame while he was training here, and will always be associated with the astounding improvement wrought in Flying Dutch, is just back home again from Buenos Ayres. Knowing the country there so well, and grasping the great possibilities he proposes to return and wishes to take out a few horses—either to train or sell—or both. As unquestionably a splendid market for either, for the stakes there are enormously rich, and a few really useful animals could pick up thousands. Johnson is at present enjoying his well-earned holiday at his home at Warbleton, Sussex.

The Commercial Cable A.C. are holding a big Bohemian concert next Friday night at the Champion, Aldersgate-st., Neil Kenyon and several other well-known West-End artists appearing.

The Central Markets Athletic and Boxing Club, whose patron is Ald. Sir John Bell, held their first annual dinner at the Holborn on Monday, Dec. 14, with their president, Mr. Carl Hentschel, in the chair.

Congratulations to Sir Thos. Neave upon his wedding this week. It is not true that "Tommy" Neave was the cox of the "Hall" boat, but he was very popular all round at Cambridge when we were Freshmen of the same year in the early nineties.

A charity billiard match (750 up) in aid of the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital will take place at the Colville Hotel, Notting-hill, to-morrow evening between Messrs. J. Turner (winner of the London Charity Handicap) and A. Wiseman, who receives 75. Devotees of the green cloth should be present in numbers to aid the good cause.

The rowing clubs on the River Lea are presenting an illuminated address to E. Barry, England's champion sculler, at the Britannia R.C. concert at the King's Hall, Hackney Baths, to-morrow evening. Mr. H Bottomley, M.P., has undertaken to preside and make the presentation to Barry. "The Sportsman" Challenge Cup will be on view during the evening.

The recent Olympic games must ever be memorable, and as the years go by the portraits of the various world's champions become of great worth to the sportsman. A photogravure of the whole of the winners in a group at the Stadium itself, which has just been published by the ever alert and sportive Gamage, yields an interesting, if not historical, souvenir of the games, which all athletes must yearn to possess.

This indoor winter pastime on a big scale at Olympia will vie with the great number of counter attractions in London this season for the patronage of the amusement-seeking public, for the roller skating boom is on. Messrs. C. P. Crawford and F. A. Wilkins will open Olympia to the public on Tuesday, Dec. 1, to operate for a period extending through February for the next three years. For the past 12 months roller skating rinks in the principal cities of England and Ireland have been opened, and after a two years' effort a lease of Olympia, the only building sufficiently large to launch such enterprise in, has been secured. All details have been overcome, and a corps of 300 skilled artisans are now laying the 100,000ft. of timber flooring requisite to construct this wonderful skating surface. That Olympia's future is assured goes without saying, due to such excellent transit facilities and its having the largest and smoothest floor surface in the world, whilst 15 years ago roller skating was the popular craze at the very same rendezvous. Numerous carnivals, masked and otherwise, skating cinderellas, and every novel and new spectacular idea will be put on at intervals to provide continual diversion.

In connection with the football matches, Birmingham v. Blackpool at Birmingham, and Wolverhampton Wanderers v. Clapton Orient at Wolverhampton, the G.W. Rly. has arranged an express excursion on Saturday.

YESTERDAY'S RACING.

MANCHESTER MEETING.

FAREWELL HANDICAP PLATE.

Mr. Leader's Cape Verde, 6-8-4 ...Leader 1
Mr. Morrow's Queen Julia, 3-6-7 Evans 2
Mr. Bewicke's Knead, 4-8-7 .....W. Earl 3

Also ran: Kaffir Chief, Pacolet, Palette, Sea Trip, Lady Thea, Whitling, Pirate's Girl, Sweethope, American Lad, Great, Simmerlilt, Knowledge Box, Rosevern, Water Wag, Diamond Wedding. Betting: 9 to 2 each agst Pacolet and American Boy, 8 to 1 agst Knead, 10 to 1 agst Diamond Wedding, 100 to 8 each agst Cape Verde, Palette, and Queen Julia, 100 to 7 each agst Lady Thea, Sea Trip, and Knowledge Box, and 20 to 1 agst any other. Won by ¾ length; head 2nd and 3rd. Diamond Wedding was unable to draw the proper weight and was disqualified, the race being awarded to Cape Verde. Knead was placed third.

SATURDAY SELLING HANDICAP.

Mr. Baylis's Windfowler, 4-8-8
.....F. Wootton 1
Mr. Binns's The Ring, 4-8-8 ...D. Maher 2
Mr. Summers's Lieutenant Cole, 4-8-4
.....Walter Griggs 3

Also ran: The De'il, Ring the Bell, Cross Channel, Carrier Pigeon, Bumble Kite, Scotch Boy, Be Very Wise, Restee Seule, Pretty Corner, Mona, Faust, Tiranto, Old Tom, Lady Rae, Petrena, Amaturas, Tom Smith, Invitation, Mrs. Aldworth gelding. Betting: 7 to 2 agst Carrier Pigeon, 9 to 2 agst Windfowler, 7 to 1 agst Pretty Corner, 100 to 8 each agst Lieutenant Cole, Petrena, Lady Rae, and The Ring, 100 to 7 agst Faust, and 20 to 1 agst any other. Won by ¾ length; ½ 2nd and 3rd.

STAND SELLING PLATE.

Mr. Tyler's Gallop Along, 3-9-0 C. Trigg 1
Mr. McCabe's Olympian, 4-9-7. Bullock 2
Mr. Wootton's Japan, 5-9-4....F. Wootton 3

Also ran: Galafield, Drayton, Historic, Melotol, Rarer Sort, Imperial Diver, Chapel Bell, Ugly Fall, Lone Maiden. Betting: 5 to 2 agst Gallop Along, 3 to 1 agst Japan, 7 to 1 agst Rarer Sort, 100 to 12 agst Melotol, 10 to 1 agst Ugly Fall, 100 to 8 each agst Olympian, Imperial Diver, and Chapel Bell, and 100 to 7 agst any other. Won by a head; length 2nd and 3rd.

THE MANCHESTER NOVEMBER HANDICAP.

Mr. Bell's OLD CHINA, 4-7-11 G. McCall 1
Mr. Stedall's SIMONSON, 5-7-8
.....R. Keeble 2
Lord Howard de Walden's CARGILL, 4-8-0 .....W. Biggs 3
Mr. Joel's Menu, 4-8-2.....Walter Griggs 4
Mr. Belmont's Norman III., 3-9-0
.....O. Madden 0
Mr. Bendon's Ebor, 3-8-4.....D. Maher 0
Mr. Dould's Spate, 5-8-4.....W. Saxby 0
Mr. Edwardes's Santeve, 5-8-4.....F. Fox 0
Mr. Stedall's Wise Mason, 4-8-2
.....J. H. Martin 0
Mr. Neike's Lagos, 3-8-1.....F. Wootton 0
Mr. Clayton's Mondamin, 4-7-13
.....Wm. Griggs 0
Mr. Basset's Hayden, 4-7-12
.....S. Donoghue 0
Mr. Singer's Laomedia, 4-7-12. C. Trigg 0
Mr. Clark's Rushcutter, 3-7-10...W. Earl 0
Mr. Pullen's Eaton Lad, 4-7-8
.....W. Broadwood 0
Mr. Gleeson's Heath Lad, 4-7-6
.....C. Heckford 0
Mr. Walker's Elm Twig, 3-7-5
.....F. Templeman 0
Princess Dhuleep Sing's Olivier II., 3-6-10 .....A. Taylor 0
Mr. Thompson's Rose Royal, 3-6-9
.....J. Plant 0
Mr. Hibbert's Altitude, 4-7-9
.....W. Clements 0

Winner trained by Fagan.

Betting: 11 to 2 agst Cargill, 10 to 1 agst Santeve, 100 to 9 agst Ebor, 100 to 8 each agst Laomedia and Elm Twig, 100 to 7 agst Spate, 100 to 6 each agst Mondamin, Menu, Lagos, Norman III., and Simonson, 20 to 1 each agst Altitude, Wise Mason, and Old China, 25 to 1 each agst Heath Lad and Eaton Lad, 40 to 1 each agst Rose Royal and Hayden, 50 to 1 agst Rushcutter, and 100 to 1 agst Olivier II. Place Betting: 7 to 4 agst Cargill; others in proportion.

The Race.—Wise Mason led to the straight, where Simonson drew to the front, but gave way a quarter of a mile from home to Old China, who won easily by a length; half a length separated second and third; Menu was fourth, Olivier II. fifth, Norman III. sixth, Santeve seventh, Rose Royal eighth, Lagos ninth, Heath Lad tenth, and Rushcutter last.

WORSLEY NURSERY HANDICAP.

Mr. Gray's Nicosia, 8-6.....Langham 1
Mr. Hall's Meifrey, 7-2.....Evans 2
Capt. Greig's Broken Toy, 7-5...F. Fox 3

Also ran: Bonton Camp, Miss Adian, Lawn Sand, The Fastnet, Moorland Lad, Meinhart, Sen Sen, Rooster, Pennon, Trip, Nickle Neck, Berkshire Lass, Laplthus, and The Rose of Persia gelding. Betting: 9 to 2 agst the Fastnet, 6 to 1 agst Moorland Lad, 10 to 1 each agst Sen Sen, Pennon, Lawn Sand, and Broken Toy, 100 to 8 each agst Meinhart, Meifrey, and Berkshire Lass, 100 to 6 agst Rooster, and 20 to 1 agst any other. Won by ¾ length; head 2nd and 3rd.

FINAL PLATE.

Mr. Bendon's Wuffy, 5-8-8.....D. Maher 1
Mr. Deuchar's Flower of the Veldt, 5-8-7 .....G. McCall 2

Betting: 4 to 1 on Wuffy, who won by 1½ lengths.

PORTSMOUTH PARK.

PORCHESTER OPEN STEEPLECHASE.

Mr. Christie-Miller's Sprinkl Me, 5-11-7
.....Mr. Banbury 1
Mr. Singer's Lustleigh, 5-10...C. Kelly 2
Mr. Metcalfe's Father Ignatius, 5-11-7
.....Owner 3

Also ran: Spinning Coin, Pioneer III., and Subdued. Betting: 7 to 4 agst Sprinkle Me, 9 to 4 each agst Spinning Coin and Lustleigh, and 10 to 1 agst any other.

SPITHEAD SELLING HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE.

Miss Studd's Kedgeree, a-11-3
.....R. Gordon 1
Mr. Yate's H.T., 6-11-6.....Mr. Walwyn 2
Mr. Gully's Suspension, a-11-6. Harland 3

Also ran: Orpington, Storm King, George Fordham, Penprase, and Manetta. Betting: 2 to 1 agst Orpington, 7 to 2 agst Kedgeree, 5 to 1 agst Suspension, 6 to 1 each agst Penprase and Manetta, and 10 to 1 agst any other.

LANDPORT MAIDEN HURDLE RACE.

Mr. Teschemaker's Birilli, 5-10-0
.....Driscoll 1
Mr. Bradford's Bumpkin, 5-11-10
.....Parsons 2
Mr. Barclay's Le Horo, 5-11-10 Harland 3

Also ran: Auburn's Dream, Rust IV., Aunt Jane, Reveillee, Blank, Visto Lad, Lord Watcombe, Oreb, Waveen, and More Hill. Betting: 2 to 1 agst Bumpkin, 4 to 1 agst Oreb, 6 to 1 each agst Le Horo and Birilli, and 10 to 1 agst any other.

BEDHAMPTON HANDICAP HURDLE RACE.

Mr. Simon's The Drudge, 4-10-12...East 1
Mr. Leach's Cherry Bush, 4-11-3
.....Freemantle 2
Mr. Walters's Bed of Stone, 5-11-9
.....Walters 3

Also ran: Warfield's Pride, Light o' Day, Honesty, Romany Rye, Grab, Florenne, and Lancashire. Betting: 6 to 4 agst The Drudge, 2 to 1 agst Grab, 5 to 1 each agst Bed of Stone and Romany Rye, 10 to 1 each agst Light o' Day and Florenne, and 100 to 8 agst any other.

LANGSTONE THREE-YEAR-OLD SELLING HURDLE RACE.

Mr. Hallick's Dud, 10-7 .....Dainty 1
Mr. Gully's Sunny Sam, 10-7 ...Burrell 2
Mr. Burbidge's Lady Lillian, 10-7 Opitz 3

Also ran: Macrinus, Red Angus, Country Squire, Athol, Bushgirl, Malea, Pastor, Orient, Bona, and Dalliance. Betting: 2 to 1 agst Bushgirl, 3 to 1 agst Red Angus, 7 to 1 agst Bona, and 10 to 1 agst any other.

PURBROOK HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE.

Mr. Upton's Thurlfer, a-12-2 H. Smythe 1
Mr. Wynan's Cherry Syrup, 5-11-7
.....H. Woodland 2
Mr. Gourlie's Countenance, a-11-6
.....Wilkins 3

Also ran: Worsted Stockings, Perdieus, and Knight of the Garter. Betting: 3 to 1 each agst Cherry Syrup and Knight of the Garter, 4 to 1 each agst Thurlfer and Countenance, 7 to 1 agst Worsted Stockings, and 10 to 1 agst Perdieus.

SCRATCHINGS.

Sefton Selling Steeplechase, Southwell, and Birstall Handicap Steeplechase, Leicester—Craddontown II.

All engagements in Mr. North's name.—Fantome.

THE JOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP.

	Wins.
D. Maher	139
F. Wootton	129
W. Higgs	124

ANGLING.

YESTERDAY'S REPORTS.

Although most Southern rivers and streams are running very low and clear, many anglers have been out, and have had good catches of fish. The recent floods have freshened up the waters, and, in consequence the roach have been feeding better. Pike, too, have been affording sport, although the weed and leaves are still troublesome. The prospects at present are that a heavy downpour of rain is needed to put some colour in the waters. Neither has been submitted on the coasts, but during the past two days rain water anglers have experienced a fair amount of sport with codling, whiting, and flatfish. The following are the latest reports from the various stations:—

THE THAMES.

TWICKENHAM.—The river is in fairly good condition, with a light colour. Pikemen are taking fair catches of roach and perch.

HAMPTON COURT.—Roach are now feeding very well, though the water is quite clear. Perch and pike have been caught.

WALTON.—Jack are giving decent sport, and roach anglers have obtained good-sized fish. Water very clear, and more rain is wanted.

STAINES.—River is running fresh, but very bright. Patrons of Jack Keene have had some nice roach.

OLD WINDSOR.—Roach and dace are feeding nicely, and anglers have had fair takes. River still bright and low.

GREAT MARLOW.—A number of jack have been caught, and Mr. Wilks got one of 9lb. Roach have also been biting well, and Mr. J. White, fishing with Cox, has landed one of 3lb. 9oz.

HENLEY.—River is running fresh, but very bright. Roach are feeding at times, but the river is very low and bright.

THE LEA.

ST. MARGARET'S.—River has been improved by the rains, and jack, perch, and roach have been taken.

THE GREAT OUSE.

HUNTINGDON.—River is in fairly good condition, and some nice pike have been caught. Roach are also affording capital sport.

THE MEDWAY.

TALDING.—River is in fair order, and anglers have been meeting good sport among roach, perch, and jack.

THE ARUN.

FULBOROUGH.—Pike up to 6lb. have been caught, and roach anglers have secured nice bags. River is in fairly good trim.

SEA FISHING.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH.—Weather has been favourable during the last three days, and some anglers have had good bags of codling, whiting, and dabs. Tides will be all right up to Dec. 3rd.

RAMSGATE.—Cod up to 15½lb. have been caught, and the boats have had good catches. Pier anglers are taking codling.

DEAL.—Sea has been rough, but has cleared. Fishing from the pier, Mr. G. Adams caught a cod of 11lb., and other anglers have had fair sport with codling, whiting, and pollack. Prospects good for this week-end.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—Pier anglers have had excellent sport of late. A cod of 17½lb. has been landed from the Britannia, and codling, whiting, and dabs are plentiful.

HASTINGS.—Weather has been equally, but the sea has calmed down. Pier anglers have had fair sport with codling and dabs.

THE WEEK'S FIXTURES.

To-day (Sunday).—Blackfriars v. Putney, final match for the Central Association's Challenge Cup at Fulbourne.

Tuesday.—Clarence, roving competition; Lord Nelson, Walworth, fortnightly handicap; best competition (and on Monday); Silver Trout, outing.

Monday.—Anchor and Hope, visit and smoking concert at the Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st., S.E., "Old Izaak" presiding.

Tuesday.—Balham Piscatorials, concert and presentation of the Isle of Thanet Angling Championship Shield at the Duke of Devonshire, High-rd., Balham.

Wednesday.—British Sea Anglers, Dr. Forbes Winslow will read a paper on the "Mental Effects of Sea Fishing."

Thursday.—Crusaders, Christmas competitions (until Dec. 16); Peckham Walkemians and Walworth Amateurs, annual supper; Aldermere Angling Society, annual meeting.

Saturday.—Folkestone Festival, best competition (3 days).

The Thames has been enriched with some thousands of good fish during the past week. The Thames Angling Preservation Society has netted the lake in Regent's Park, and has turned out about 20,000 roach and perch to the river at Twickenham and Ponton Road. The Society Preservation Association has turned down 1,000 large roach and dace in the local waters. Many of the roach were approximately 1lb. each, and some of the dace ranged from 9oz. to 12oz.

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WATCHES HIS BATTLES.

WELSH GIRL AND HER PUGILISTIC BROTHER.

California has been captivated by Kate Welch, of Pontypridd, the 18-year-old sister of Freddie Welch, who some day may be the light-weight pugilist of the world. She has been 11 months in America, most of the time at the training quarters of her brother at Venice Beach. During this period she has seen all the principal battles in which he has been engaged. She says there was nothing in them that would offend any woman. She thinks that if women would patronise fights any brutality would cease. "Fights for women" is her cry. "I did not have to masquerade in masculine attire," she explained. "I merely bundled up in a long coat, and with the help of a veil was inconspicuous. They have a powerful light over the ring, which leaves the rest of the interior dark, and few spectators in the house knew that there was a woman there. Whenever Freddie fights I always tell him where I am going to sit. Often while he is clinching with his opponent he will look at me and smile."

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THE GARDEN. By ADAM.

A Letter From South Africa.

"Would it be possible for you to give full instructions as to layering Roses in your notes? I have tried many ways of doing the operation, but up to the present without success. It is almost impossible to propagate Roses by cuttings, the climate being so changeable. If you will, instead of giving the home months name autumn, spring, etc., it will be easier to follow by many Colonials besides myself. —TENSUS."

We are glad to hear from our friends in the Colonies, especially from the Cape of Good Hope, where so many beautiful flowers grow. To grow Roses well in your climate special pains must be taken with the root-run. We are obliged to do the same here to obtain the best possible results. This means that the ground must be broken up deeply and well-manured. Soil that will grow good Peaches and Grapes should, when broken up 2ft. to 3ft. deep and manured, grow good Roses. In your climate autumn is the best time for layering Roses or any other trees, and the branches operated on should be firm and near to the ground. Assuming the branches are pliable and easily brought down to the ground, every shoot may be layered in the usual way and pegged down firmly into good soil, the wounded branches being covered two inches. The operation requires a very sharp knife and a steady hand. Cut through a node, or joint, on the under-side, beginning a little below the joint and working upwards, so as to leave a projecting tongue about one and a half inches long. The knife passes through the joint at about its centre. If cut too deep the branch may break off and be useless. We want to arrest the flow of sap at that point; that, in fact, is the object of the operation, and the arrested sap at once begins to form granular matter, which in due time evolves roots. Long branches can be layered in several places whereon there is a side-shoot capable of making a plant. Operate upon it, and peg it down firmly in good soil. Any branches which cannot be brought down to the ground, layer in boxes or pots of soil; but as roots cannot form in dry earth, water must be given to keep the soil moist. Sometimes a layer of moss, or something similar, may be placed on the surface to keep in the moisture. When roots have formed remove the rooted layers and plant in nursery bed, shading until the roots have commenced work. Use the syringe occasionally after a hot day to freshen the foliage. Success depends upon attention being given to small details, such as mulching and lightly dewing over the foliage in bright weather.

Manuring the Garden.

If the waste matter of the garden and house is collected and preserved in such a way as to cause no nuisance the manurial question would be much simplified and the purchase of manures become less urgent. To collect and preserve waste matter which daily accumulates requires method and system. If there is a waste corner in the garden which can be surrounded by fruit trees two or three Filbert bushes would be an effective blind. The space need not be large, and it should be excavated two or more feet, so as to increase it. Into this hole all garden rubbish and all waste matter from the house should be brought and intermixed, occasionally sprinkling over a little lime or salt to hasten decay and destroy insect insects. Where possible the longest of the rubbish might be exposed to view, but in suburban gardens one's neighbours have to be considered, and if at any time the fermenting matter in the heap causes any effluvia to arise, cover the whole with earth, as this is the best deodoriser. After a time turn the heap, add a little more lime and salt, and cover again with earth. When the compost is well blended wheel it on to the land, as both fruit, flowers and vegetables will grow well in it.

Top Rooted Plants

do not want fresh manure, but this compost may be given if the land is poor. Carrots, Beet and other long rooted plants, however, are better sown on land which has been well manured for a previous crop. The reason for this is that if tap-rooted plants are sown on land which has been freshly manured they will fork out instead of sending one long root down into the ground. Lime sometimes may be used instead of manure, for though not containing much manurial activity it assists in the disintegration of organic matter, and makes it available for plant food, so that old gardens, or, in fact, any garden, will benefit from an application of lime occasionally. Basic slag is cheap, and may be used at the rate of 5cwt. per acre on both vegetable and fruit land. Nitrate of soda, which acts quickly, should be given during the growth of the plants in small quantities, and repeated.

Planting Spring Flowers.

Many people delay planting Violas, Pansies, Wallflowers, Canterbury Bells, etc., till March or April. Of course, they will live and grow then, but not be equal to those planted now, and will have but little time to get well established before the days lengthen. Many people delay planting bulbs till quite late in autumn. The bulbs are then more or less exhausted, and the best bulbs have been disposed of. No time should be lost now if bulbs have to be planted. This, of course, does not refer to Gladioli, which are always planted in spring.

Flowering Shrubs,

such as double and single Lilacs, Ribes, Laburnums, Spiræas, Thorns, double-blossomed Cherry, Berberis in variety, Almonds, Prunus, Brooms in variety, and Pyrus Japonica in variety are seen to advantage on low walls. Philadelphus (mock orange), Forsythia Suspensa, and others, Guelder Rose, Hibiscus or Shrubby Hollyhock, will flower in September. There are more than a dozen varieties of these in good nurseries. Ivies of various kinds, shoots of which may be obtained in 10 or 12 varieties, all distinct, either in foliage or fruit. Here are half a dozen good things for a very small garden: Berberis Stenophylla, Broom (yellow Spanish), Prunus Pissardi, Forsythea Suspensa, Spiræa Bumalda, Rhus Cotinus (Venetian Sumach).

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

M. GRIFFITH.—Names of Apples: Blue Queen (dessert, Pips in April); Early Harvest (dessert, October); Brabant Bellefleur (cooking, November).

FOLKESTONE.—If the Rose cuttings are well rooted, say by March or April, they might be planted in the beds them or earlier. The beds, in anticipation, might be trenched now, leaving in autumn, and adding anything likely to improve its staple. Do this now, and plant in spring if the cuttings are rooted.

FUCHSIA.—The Fuchsia you bought for Westcliff-on-Sea will do much better planted in the garden. Prepare a site for it in the open part, and plant it out about April. After planting it set cut down and let it start away from the bottom. Shelter it if there comes frost till the end of May, and afterwards it will do well.

CREAMY WHITE.—If the aspect is sunny and the soil good—or can be made so—a Rose may be planted on the north side of the house often disappointing outside, being so subject to canker. In your district I should prefer something of more robust constitution, such as Rugosa, Penzance, or the like, both of which are hardy and good growers.

E. M. C. R.—Lawn sand will kill Daisies among the Grass without injuring the latter if used according to instructions. It is best used in dry weather, either now or in February. China Rose will do in a cool conservatory either trained on a wall or in pots, the latter in proportion to size of plants; 7in. or 8in. in diameter will do for large plants. Keep rather dry this time of year.

TED.—Mealy bug attacks their Apple trees with hot brine to kill American blight in winter, using a brush; but as many of the insects described are under the bark a wash or two of soft soap and sulphur, or soft soap and paraffin, or any other used in winter—to supplement those used in summer by parents and soft soap emulsion, or, better still, paraffin emulsion, applied with a small brush will make short work of the insects.

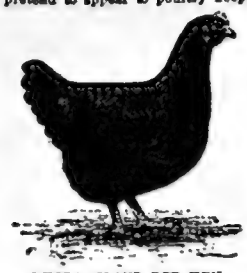
JAP.—The cheapest and best remedy for mildew on Vines is sulphur, and the best way of applying it is by using one of Campbell's Sulphur Vaporisers. These cost (small size) about 14s. 6d. at the nursery shops. Th. mean the first speck of mildew is seen use the sulphur vaporiser according to instructions sent with each machine. The machine is a patented article, and is rather expensive, but the first cost is the only one, as about 5d. for sulphur will do a house 100ft. long. Mildew is the worst enemy of the garden. I have, at different times, had trouble with mildew till I discovered this machine, and have no trouble now, although it is necessary to be in time.

PENRAN.—For early-flowering plant clumps of Winter Aconite, Snowdrop, and Crocus, and amongst these plant Double Daffodils and Lent Lilies. The following fruit trees will do for your long garden: Mother Apple, Lord Derby, Warner's King, Peasgood's Nonsuch, and Cherries on the Mahaleb stock:—Apples: Cox's Orange Pippin, Allington Pippin, Ecklinville Seedling, Lord Suffield, Yorkshire Beauty, Blenheim Orange, Worcester Pearmain, Tower of Glamis, Claygate Pearmain, Duchess of Oldenburg, Lane's Prince Albert, Lord Grosvenor, Lord Lambourne, Lord Derby, Bismarck, Lord Hindlip, Mère de Ménage, Mr. Gladstone, Queen Caroline, Queen, Rival, Rosemary Russet, Scarlet Nonpareil, Stirling Castle, Striped Beefing, Tyler's Kernel, Wealthy, Wellington, Wyken Pippin, Yellow Ingestrie. Pears: Beurré d'Amalis, Clapp's Favourite, Doyenne du Comice, Durondeau, Louis Bonne of Jersey, Pitmaston Duchess, Comice, Souvenir du Congrès, Bedford's Prolific, Black Circassian, Black Eagle, Marie Louise, Waterloo. The Kentish Cobs, Merveille du Wod are hardy on the Mahaleb, and will no doubt be beneficial; say, half a bushel per square rod. Lay the lime in small heaps, and let the air slake it, and then spread it on the surface and fork it in.

THE POULTRY RUN.

Rhode Island Reds.

Visitors to the Crystal Palace Show had an opportunity of inspecting a fine pen of these birds, sent all the way from America by Mr. E. T. De Graff, of Amsterdam, N.Y. Some of the fanciers pure and simple expressed their disappointment, the birds not coming up to their expectations in appearance, but the Rhode Island Red is not a show bird, nor does it pretend to appeal to poultry keepers



RHODE ISLAND RED HEN.

on this ground. It is first and foremost an egg-producer, and this, after all, is the main thing. Unfortunately, through a misunderstanding, the pen at the Palace was not formally entered for competition, and was consequently relegated to a hole-and-corner position with nothing to indicate what it was or where it came from. It seems a pity that the Palace Show authorities did not give a little more prominence to this exhibit after Mr. De Graff had gone to the expense and trouble of sending the birds across the Atlantic.

Fattening Ducks for Christmas.

Two or three readers have written asking the best way to fatten ducks for Christmas. The ducks to be fattened should be confined separately in coops about 2ft. square, the fronts of which should have a canvas blind, so that the birds are in semi-darkness. The food should consist of a mixture of barley meal, bran and maize meal, made into a stiffish mash with boiling water, and a small quantity of meat should be given daily. If a little milk is added to the mash so much the better. If the fattener cares to go to the trouble, he can ensure splendid results by cramming the birds after they have fed. This may be easily done by making stiff pellets of the food and forcing the slow the bird's throat one at a time, as in the case of a pill. Water should be given sparingly.

Salt for Fowls.

It is generally agreed that a little salt in the food given to fowls is beneficial, as it aids digestion, keeps the system in good working order, and frees the blood from impurities. It also has a tendency to expel the worms often found in fowls. Salt must not, however, be given to excess, or it will produce inflammation of the mucous membrane.

Ready-Made Poultry Meals.

Just now, when there is a scarcity of eggs, many poultry-keepers are looking round for some means of increasing the supply. My opinion of the habitual use of condiments, such as cayenne pepper, is so well known that it is hardly necessary to repeat the warnings so frequently given in this column. Latterly, the food specialists have been turning their attention to the production of mixed meals. On the score of labour-saving a ready mixed meal is a decided advantage, and when, as in this case, the price is right, there is little left to desire.

CRANTICLEER.

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CYCLING.

Machines at the Show.

As I anticipated, the Stanley Show was a complete success and the exhibits were well up to, even if they were not in advance of, previous years, and the display was so great that even to mention the leading lines of each stand would far outrun the limits of this column. There were, however, one or two things I especially noticed, and amongst them was the new six-guinea model of Messrs. Humber and Co., which really is marvellous value for the money; whilst of course their higher-priced machines are of the very best. The Sparkbrook Co. had a grand show, and it would be difficult to find a better machine than their best. The aluminium pedal of Messrs. Lea Francis is a novelty, and one likely to be much sought after. It is light, strong, and practically dust-proof. Its appearance was not to my liking, but that is merely a matter of taste, and I know of no reason why a pedal should not be oval-shaped as well as square or oblong. Messrs. Hazelwood's "Imperial" was as good as could be wished by anyone, and at £19 10s. is a decidedly cheap machine, as it has all the most expensive fitments.

Two Accessories.

I am often asked about puncture-proof devices, and I saw one on Messrs. Macbeth's stand which I should think, speaking without practical experience of it, is as good as any and should stop the tyre almost interceptibly. It is called Fox's Puncture Preventer, and consists of a band of very soft and flexible Morocco leather, which is solutioned to the under side of the cover, thus protecting the tube in its most vulnerable part, viz., the tread. It is cheap and effective. Another accessory which took my fancy was Bleumel's Inflater Connection, which does away with the worry of screwing the inflater connection to the valve, and yet gives a complete air seal.

Rudge-Whitworth Models.

The Rudge-Whitworth Co. were not exhibiting at the Show, but they have several important alterations in their new patterns which were on view at their Holborn Viaduct depot. These consist chiefly of the extension of their usual method of covering the parts usually plated with a celluloid film. In addition to completely covering the handlebar, this patent rust-proof covering is now extended to the combination grips, completely enclosing them, handlebar and grips being all one piece, thus avoiding the unpleasantness of loose grips, as they never cannot become out of one off; and in the Aero-Special models the brake levers, cranks, pedal and hub centres are also celluloid covered, the polished black finish of which adds considerably to the appearance of the machine. Brake fittings are improved, a double bell crank lever half encircling the lower part of the head tube, and bolted to a pin brazed through it, not only affords a more direct pull from the lever, but gives a smarter appearance. To further accentuate this the head tube is enamelled right down to the crown plate, instead of leaving the lower ball race plated as heretofore. In the Crescent models the brake work has been improved with double roller levers instead of single levers to the two rim brakes, and the trouser guard of the All-Weather models is much deeper, and covers practically the whole of the chain wheel.

Cycling and Other Hobbies.

A reader writes to me that he has now been a cyclist for some 19 years and has got beyond the stage of riding for riding's sake. He values the exercise and the pleasure of riding, but wants an object for his rides. He asks me to inquire of my readers whether they can give him any suggestions for combining any other hobby with cycling or another sport which can be worked in with it. He adds that he has no taste for photography. Of course this latter is an ideal hobby to combine with cycling, and there are many other sports, such as golf, tennis, etc., where the cycle is useful as a means of reaching the rendezvous, but there are several things, such as geology, sketching, study of country life, etc., which can be combined with cycling. Perhaps some readers will let us have the benefit of their experiences.

WHEELER.

MOTORING.

The Stanley Show.

Influenza, that universal leveller which is powerful enough to destroy, temporarily, even the keenest motorist's interest in his hobby, has kept me chained to my bed throughout the past week, during which the Stanley Show has been in progress at the Agricultural Hall, Islington. I am, therefore, unable to make any comments of value upon the mechanical features of the exhibits staged. In spite of this, however, I have been much interested in reading accounts of the exhibition from the pens of those who have been more fortunate than myself, and I am very pleased to see that, as I prophesied some months ago in this column, the Humber Co. have come back once more to the motor cycle trade.

The Importance of It.

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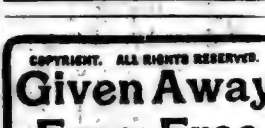

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YESTERDAY'S SPORTS.

FORTUNE FORSAKES FOREST.

CHELSEA'S SENSATIONAL DEFEAT.

FOOTBALL.

THE LEAGUE—DIV. I.

(Special to "The People.")

Woolwich Arsenal 2, Chelsea 1.

As the morning wore on and the weather remained fair there was much joy in the hearts of the Chelsea directorate, for the Chelsea "gates" are never so big that the directors, with their manifold expenses, are not delighted when the revenue increases in such a way that it gives a prospect of the heavy adverse balance hanging on the club being reduced. A year ago Woolwich Arsenal drew a record crowd to Stamford Bridge, and as was generally expected, there was again a great attendance yesterday. It is estimated that over 50,000 spectators witnessed the match, in which interest was sustained throughout, although the play was not always of a very good class. The Arsenal were handicapped in not being able to play Neave at outside left, and Gordon Hoare, the amateur, was off injured. Satterthwaite played outside left to Hitchie, and Lewis partnered Greenaway on the right wing. Maybould was in the centre. Chelsea reinstated McRoberts at centre-half, Humphreys standing out for Rouse, who was pressed at inside right. It is interesting to note that James Sharp, Ashcroft, Coleman, Freeman and Gerbutt are missing from the Arsenal side which figured at Stamford Bridge last year, and from Chelsea Henderson, Moran, and Bridgman were absent. The excitement was terrific when the Arsenal started the game. Warren soon sent the Chelsea forwards down and Hilsdon, then in a rather suspicious position, tried to get through the defence, but was cleverly checked him cleverly. Play was fast and just a little wild, but this could be pardoned where local rivalry had such influence. The first great shot of the game followed a corner by Fairgray, the ball fell to Warren, who shot in hard and low. Macdonald fell like a flash full length, and brought off a glorious save. It was one of the best saves of his career. Indeed, Macdonald, in spite of the fact that he had been ill during the week, was a great factor in the game. He had very little to do in the early moments, and he did it well. Once he just escaped being rushed off the ball by Hilsdon, and when he failed to grasp it tightly, and it looked certain to roll over the line and into the net, when he scooped it out and kept on it until the referee gave a free kick. Another save by Macdonald from Hilsdon was followed by a grand clearance from Windridge. Then came the first dangerous rush by the Arsenal, and when Satterthwaite whipped the ball over Haybould had a chance but overran the ball and it was wasted. Macdonald was soon again in evidence with a save from a dropping ball by Brawn, and for the first time in the game Whitley was called upon. Even then, it was not a great shot by Satterthwaite that required his attention. Grand passing by the Arsenal forwards sorely troubled the opposing defence, but there was an utter lack of finishing power. A slight injury to Fairgray toned down the rest somewhat, for the rest seemed to check the zest of the players. Some desultory play in midfield was followed by a run and shot by Hilsdon, but Sands so hampered the Chelsea centre that the ball went wide. Immediately afterwards Hilsdon ran round Gray and shot on the run. The ball shot like a rocket past the upright as Macdonald flung himself across. Hilsdon had a similar opportunity a moment later, but made a rather weak effort. Fairgray fired a minute or two before the interval, and then, close on time, from Brawn's centre, Hilsdon headed in. Macdonald got his hands to the ball, and certainly looked sure to clear, but somehow the ball curled over his hands into the net. It was a rather simple goal, but Chelsea had just deserved it on the play. Interval score: Chelsea, 1; Woolwich Arsenal, 0.

Fairgray resumed with the second half, and the Arsenal made headway. Fischlin drove in a good shot just as Warren had done and Whitley flung himself full length and cleared well. It was early evident that Fairgray was going to be of little service, for he merely tipped the ball when it came to him. Once Greenaway got in a piece of grand dribbling, and at Miller and Birnie, and then centred to Haybould had the chance of a life-time, but shirked his work and headed tamely over third. The Arsenal were very persistent, and when Miller deliberately pushed Greenaway down a free kick was given. Ducat placed it well, and Greenaway, not hesitating to stop the ball, kicked it into the goal, and had the satisfaction of seeing it go through the hands of Whitley into the net at the end of 10 minutes. Sands and Hilsdon were laid out in a heavy collision. Sands appeared to have the worst of the blow, but both soon recovered. Hilsdon later all but got through when the ball came out to Rouse a momentary hesitation on his part allowed Gray to rush over and effect a great clearance. Then followed a superb save by Macdonald from Rouse, and a crashing shot by Ducat went wide of the mark. Another shot by Ducat was turned into goal by Whitley, but was given against Chelsea for offside. Windridge was winded, but not badly hurt, and a few minutes from the end Raybould banged in a great shot which Whitley saved in a manner calling for the highest praise. Just before the whistle blew Lewis scored the winning goal from a corner-kick.

Notts County 1, Sunderland 0.

The visit of Notts County to Sunderland drew together fully 12,000 spectators. During the opening half the play was even and exciting, both sides infusing plenty of energy into their work and carrying on their attacks with splendid dash. In the first quarter of an hour Hogg, Bridgett and Walker sent in hard shots, and then at the end of 25 minutes Dean scored for Notts County, who having no chance to save. Shortly after this Agnew had retired hurt, during the interval Sunderland tried hard to get on terms, but failed. Irregular clearing from Low and others. In the first-half time Notts County led by one goal to none.

On resuming the Sunderland team made desperate efforts to draw level, and though they were still without Agnew, who had the best of the game. Thomson very nearly scored with a long, high shot, Holley, Bridgett and Hogg were also conspicuous for good work, but Sunderland forwards could not score. Another occasion there was a scrimmage in the goal mouth and Bramsonger pushed over the line, but the Sunderland forwards missed the ball. Notts County retained their lead and won by one goal to 0.

Sheffield U. 2, Preston N.E. 1.

The meeting of these teams at Bramall Lane, Sheffield, drew together a crowd of about 10,000 persons. At the outset the game Sheffield United attacked strongly, but the Preston defence held well, and the United were gradually driven back. Then Preston themselves pressed, and from a corner Rick Wilson forced close in, Lievesley having a chance of saving. Sheffield United again pressed and were awarded a penalty kick. Beaumont took it and equalised the scores. Subsequently to the men lost control of themselves, the game being very rough. Lang left the field and Preston were a man short for a few minutes. At half-time the score still stood at one goal each.

Both clubs had their full team in the second half, but the game proceeded in very quiet and often uninteresting manner. Sheffield United had all the best of matters, and Hardinge put them ahead. Pearl missed a good opening, and later on McBride brought off a good save from Lang. In the end Sheffield United gained a well deserved victory by 2 goals to 1.

Manchester City 3, Liverpool 1.

For their meeting at Anfield both Liverpool and Manchester City found it necessary to make several changes. Liverpool for the first time this season had the veteran Dunlop at back. The game attracted about 15,000 people. There was little to choose between the sides in the early play, the game being very evenly contested. The forwards of both sides shot weakly, however, and although several promising attacks were set up, the goalkeepers were never seriously troubled. Hardy, of Liverpool, was injured and left the field, Dunlop going in goal, and one back being played. Manchester City attacked, but threw away some chances. At half-time nothing had been scored.

Hardy was still absent when the game was resumed, and Dunlop remained in goal. Manchester City at once attacked, and Conlin beat Dunlop, but soon afterwards Bowyer equalised. With their depleted team, however, Liverpool could not maintain the struggle on equal lines, and Jones and Dorset added further points for Manchester City. In this way Manchester City won by three goals to one.

Blackburn R. 3, Leicester F. O.

With Ferguson and Latheron unable to turn out through injuries, the Rovers, in meeting Leicester Fosse at Blackburn, had to make two changes in their side. Houlker and Cameron being given places. The game attracted about 18,000 spectators. From the outset the game proved most disappointing. Leicester Fosse, who had in the previous week gained a brilliant victory over Chelsea, were outplayed at all points. Their forwards were specially weak, and, despite good work by the backs Blackburn scored three times before the interval. Kyle shot through twice and Davis once. Half-time: Blackburn Rovers, 3; Leicester Fosse, 0.

Play in the second half was not nearly so fast or exciting as before. Leicester Fosse seldom attacked, and whenever they did break away were easily held in check by the Rovers' halves and backs. Blackburn were far and away the better team, and, with a little luck might easily have doubled their score. Blackburn Rovers won by 3 goals to 0.

Newcastle 4, Notts Forest 0.

The visit of Newcastle attracted 12,000 spectators to the Forest ground at Nottingham. Except that Needham appeared in place of Wolfe, no alteration was made in the home eleven, but Newcastle made several changes, Shepherd, recently transferred from Bolton, making his first appearance for the side, and Gosnell, Duncan, Willis, Liddell, and Foden displacing Rutherford, Howie, Doig, McCracken and McWilliam, the two latter being injured. Ten minutes after the start Liddell scored for the visitors, and subsequently Shepherd and Higgins obtained further goals for the side, while Morris and Birch went close for the Forest. At half-time Newcastle were leading by three goals to none.

On resuming the game again went in favour of Newcastle United, whose rearranged team worked splendidly together. In strong contrast Notts Forest were very disjointed in their efforts. Ten minutes after ends had been changed Wilson gained a fourth goal for Newcastle. The Forest occasionally attacked, and twice Hooper sent in clever shots. Result: Newcastle United, 4; Notts Forest, 0.

Manchester U. 3, Sheffield W 1

The meeting of these clubs on the ground of the United at Clayton appeared to be one of the most attractive fixtures in the League programme for the day, but not more than 18,000 persons were present at the start, despite the favourable weather conditions. Roberts and Morris were included in the United team, while Spoors took the place of McConnell in the Wednesday eleven. At the end of an even half hour's play, Bradshaw secured possession, and when unmarked sent in a shot which the home goalkeeper had the chance of saving, shortly afterwards Halse equalised for Manchester with a clever piece of work, and ends were changed with the scores one goal each.

Fully 22,000 people witnessed the play in the second half. The game was very evenly contested, and the football raised fast and exciting. At the end of about half an hour the United secured the lead for the first time, Turnbull putting on the goal. Two minutes before the finish some good passing by Meredith and Halse enabled Picken to score, and Manchester United thus won by 3 goals to 1.

Bury 2, Middlesbrough 1.

A crowd of 9,000 people assembled at Bury to see this match. Bury made only one change in their team, Morris playing for Raeside, who was absent owing to a bereavement. Middlesbrough had the same side as the previous week. In the first half Bury had the advantage of the wind, and did most of the pressing. With Williamson in good form in the Middlesbrough goal, they could not score for a long time. At length, however, the visitors were given a penalty kick, and Hibbert obtained a goal. Duffy added a second point, and at half-time Bury led by 2 goals to 0.

Middlesbrough had much more of the play after ends had been changed, the second half being keenly contested. Capital defensive work was done on both sides, but Williamson was probably tested than Morris. Eight minutes from the finish Common scored for Middlesbrough with Morris out of goal. This being all that was done in this half, the game ended in a win for Bury by 2 goals to 1.

Bradford City 1, Everton 1.

Everton's visit to Bradford attracted 20,000 people to the ground at Valley Parade. Lintott appeared at centre half-back for the home side, Hanger going to left half and O'Rourke to centre-forward. Everton showed plenty of dash and enterprise in the first half, but they were held well in check by the stubborn defensive tactics of their opponents. About 15 minutes after the start Spendiff, who was unmarked, scored for the visitors, whose play revealed far more method than that of the Bradford men. At first the City were rarely dangerous, but towards the interval they improved, the exchanges ruling very fast. At half-time Everton led by 1 goal to 0.

The City pressed vigorously after the resumption, and within four minutes Barnett equalised amid great enthusiasm, heading in a perfect centre from Gould. Only occasionally did Everton break away, the home side doing the bulk of the pressing, and Scott being frequently called upon to save. The City were markedly superior in this half, Everton being kept continuously on the defence, but despite all the efforts of the Bradford forwards the winning point failed to come, the game ending in a draw of 1 goal each.

Aston Villa 1, Bristol City 1.

In fine weather, with the ground on the soft side, Villa won the toss. Gilligan kicked off before 18,000 spectators. Play opened briskly and fairly even. The Villa made a fine advance on the left, but shot badly; while a dangerous attack by Bristol was repulsed by Miles. The City came again, however, and Gilligan opened the scoring after about ten minutes' play. The Villa retaliated strongly, but were not happy in some of their movements, Annan and Cottle effectually repulsing their efforts; while Clay saved well from Bache, Hampton, and Reeves. Buckley worked hard for the Villa, but Bristol held their own all round, Gilligan being often dangerous, while George saved a good shot by Rippon. The home forwards worked some good openings, only to disappoint their supporters. Interval: Bristol, 1; Villa, 0.

In the second half the Villa tried hard to draw level, Hampton narrowly missing from centres by Hall and Wallace; Bristol replying strongly for Burton to meet a pass by Hardy, and severely test the home custodian. The Villa were playing hard, and a great cheer greeted the equalising goal scored by Bache. The City, stung by this reverse, attacked, but Lyons beat Burton, and the Villa returned for Reeves to shoot past. Miles checked a rush on the visiting right, and several times Buckley sent his forwards moving to see openings missed. Gilligan made several dangerous dashes for goal, and Staniforth put right in front for George to come out and fist away, while Gilligan and Burton close up. Hampton tried on his own, a couple of goes at it before he cleared. In subsequent attacks on the Grimsby goal, in which a surprising number of corner kicks were taken, Scott saved many shots from Middlemiss, Walton, and Woodward, and Darnell once hit the cross-bar. Hewitson was not often called upon by the Grimsby forwards, and at half nothing had been scored. Appleyard started the second half by a fine shot which just grazed the cross-bar. From the goal-kick Tottenham got away, and Woodward, taking deliberate aim, from a 35 yards range, scored a beautiful goal one minute from the resumption. After this there was only one team in it, and although the Grimsby forwards now and then broke away, they could not make any impression on the Tottenham halves and backs. Woodward headed a second goal, after Scott had fisted out from Walton. Then came the accident to Scott, and later on in the darkness Middlemiss of Tottenham collided with the railings, and was being assisted off when the final whistle went. It had been a bright, hard match all through, and the 2 to 0 victory was well deserved.

Fulham 2, Barnsley 1.

Fulham's visit to the Oakwell Ground, at Barnsley, attracted a crowd of 4,000, which is about the Barnsley average, the gate receipts being £96. A keen, strenuous game was the result, and the Southerners' 2 goals to 1 victory is a fair indication of the run of the game, though towards the close Barnsley certainly made desperate efforts to draw level. The home side included Forman for the first time at outside right, and it may at the outset be remarked that he made a most promising debut. Though Barnsley had the advantage of a stiff breeze, Fulham were first to become dangerous, but the corner they forced came to nought, and the ball travelled down to the opposite end. Both Lillycrap and Coulthard sent in shots which, however, were so wide of the mark that Skene was not called upon. Later, however, the Fulham goalkeeper experienced an anxious time, but he succeeded in clearing beautifully, and then the Southerners got going, but Harrison, with an open goal, failed to find the net. He made ample amends when a moment later close in he cleverly got the ball past Thorpe, the latter just failing to reach it. The Fulham forwards were playing a great game, and Lipsham in particular met with the most attentions of the opposition. Then another onslaught by the Barnsley men most keenly tested the Fulham defence, but both Charlton and Livesey, who were at their best, defended brilliantly, and left little to be done by their first line of defence, though Skene called on was never found wanting. His negotiation of a hot cross shot by Lillicrap was especially fine. Fulham then had a spell of attacking, Lipsham fairly beating Liddle, but shooting across the goal-mouth, the ball rolled over the line. Just before the interval, Ritley, the home right back, was injured, and was not much use afterwards. Barnsley made determined efforts to equalise, but crossing over Fulham led by 1 goal to 0.

They re-started with ten men, Millington having born a ligament of his finger in collision with Downes. He subsequently turned out with a heavily-bandaged hand. Fulham's second goal was the result of an initial effort by Millington, who passed to Brown, and, with the defence drawn out of their places, the latter cleverly shot into the net. Barnsley subsequently played up in most determined fashion, and their first goal, as it proved, only goal, came when Hollewell was brought down by Lindsay. Thorpe scored from the ensuing penalty. The concluding stages saw Barnsley attacking, but they failed to equalise. It was an intensely exciting, well-fought game, in which the most prominent players were Charlton, Lindsay, Millington and Lipsham for the winners; and Thorpe, Coulthard and Downes for Barnsley. Result: Fulham, 2; Barnsley, 1.

Clapton Orient 2, Bradford C.

The visitors to Homerton in search of second Division points were Bradford, who last year figured in the Southern League. They had a rearranged team including two new men, Smith and Parker, who were only reigned on last week, while Clapton Orient were able to rely upon the side which has done so well during the past few weeks. There were about 4,000 spectators on the ground when after the start, which was made rather earlier than the advertised time. For a brief period Bradford did best, and in the first minute their outside right, Ward, shot wildly over from a pass by McCulloch. When Clapton Orient got into their stride, however, they gave a great display and quite overran the visitors' half-backs. Gordon and Dixon withstood the onslaught for a long time, the former especially doing good work against Ward and Gates, who were responsible for many fine thrustful movements. Ward sent in one beautiful centre which McLean trapped, but his shot lacked precision, and a dangerous situation was saved through the ball going wide. Then Shaw spoiled a good opening by shooting outside, and from the goal kick Bradford broke away, McCulloch testing Whittaker with a stinger. The Orient goalkeeper brought off a magnificent save, and with a huge kick transferred the scene of operations. The home team continued to press and did everything conceivable but score. Shaw was twice at fault when a goal looked certain, but after half an hour's play Parker scored for the O's. He secured the ball from a nice forward pass by Bell, and racing down the wing sent in a long dropping shot to which Ward got his hand, but was powerless to stop, and it curled into the net. It was a splendid effort by Parker and deserved the point it registered. There was an exciting scene under the home goal bar when Johnstone passed back to Whittaker and the latter was charged by McClarence and dispossessed. Reason eventually cleared. At half-time the home team led by 1 goal to 0.

On resuming Clapton again set the pace, and taking advantage of a falling off in the strength of the visiting backs set up a persistent attack. As a result of this the ball was rarely out of the Bradford half, and after 10 minutes' play the home team secured their second point. Parker was the chief performer in this, as by some neat footwork he drew the defence, and shooting across to Gates gave the last named a practically open goal, and he scored with a swift left-foot, which he scored with a swift left-away considerably and were quite outplayed by the Orient. They failed to make any headway against the home halves, who nipped all the forward movements in the bud to set their own front rank moving. Whittaker was only called upon once, and then he had no difficulty in stopping Ward's shot from the right. McCulloch found himself with an open goal, but scooped tamely over, and at the other end the youthful Orient outside left, Ward, caused some amusement by merrily tricking Freebrough. He got through, but did not steady himself sufficiently, and his shot just went wide. The subsequent play was of a scrambling nature, and featureless, there being no further scoring. Result: Clapton Orient, 2; Bradford, 0.

Hull C. 5, Cainsborough T. 1.

In this game at Hull the home side showed much the better form, and gained an easy victory. Starting well, they obtained their first goal through Shaw, but Cainsborough quickly equalised, Spievin scoring with a fine shot. Following that Hull City attacked again, and from a centre by Temple Shaw gave them the lead. After ends had been changed Hull City controlled the game very largely, Temple gave them their third goal, and Shaw the fourth, while before the end Temple got through again. Hull City thus won by five goals to one.

Oldham 2, Wolverhampton 1.

Playing at home, in the presence of 12,000 people, Oldham Athletic defeated Wolverhampton Wanderers by 2 goals to 1. In the first minute Newton passed to Wolstenholme, who headed in for Oldham. After this the home side kept up a continuous and severe pressure, but they could not score again before the interval. Seventeen minutes after change of ends Radford equalised, but two minutes later Oldham again took the lead through Speedie. Lunn played a splendid game in goal for the Wanderers.

Birmingham 2, Derby C. 1.

After their reverse of the previous week, Birmingham made several changes in their team for this match at Derby, Mounteney, Fairman, Williams, and Moore being included. This policy was justified by the result, for in the end they beat the Derby eleven by 2 goals to 1. The home side had much of the play in a goalless first half, and after crossing over the exchanges ruled for some time in their favour. However, Wilcox opened the scoring for Birmingham, who shortly afterwards increased their lead through a long shot by Mountency. Towards the close Barnes scored Derby's only goal.

Leeds City 1, Burnley 1.

About 14,000 spectators at Leeds saw this game end in a draw of 1 goal each. For Leeds, Guy and Bowman took the places of Rogers and M'Leod. Leeds City had the best of matters in the first half, but their forwards did not make the most of their chances. Only 1 goal was obtained before the interval, Bowman shooting through for the home team. With Cubberly injured, Leeds City only had 10 men in the second half, but they held their own for a long time, and looked like gaining a victory. Just before the finish, however, a shot from Morley rebounded off Watson into the net, and Burnley luckily effected a draw.

Bolton Wanderers 2, Glossop 0

A fairly good crowd turned out at Bolton to see this match. Glossop were thought to have a good chance of winning, but the Wanderers proved the better side and gained a capital victory. Play in the first half was keen and interesting. After about half an hour Hogan beat Butler with a good shot, and scored for Bolton Wanderers. Subsequent to change of ends the game was very rough. Cuffe and Hopton, of Glossop and Marsh of Bolton were all sent off the field. Hogan then scored for Bolton Wanderers, who won by 2 goals to 0.

Stockport C. 2, Chesterfield 1.

Visiting Chesterfield, Stockport County won by 2 goals to 1. Fine, mild weather prevailed, and some 3,000 people witnessed the game. During the opening half Chesterfield had the best of the play, and Bovill scored for them from a splendid centre by Munday. Following change of ends Stockport showed the better form, but Chesterfield lost many good chances through bad shooting. Harrock equalised, and then Green obtained the goal that gave Stockport County the victory.

W. Bromwich 1, Blackpool 0.

Wretched weather prevailed at Blackpool, and so defective was the light that the game started 15 minutes before half-time. Only about 3,000 people were present. Blackpool had the best of a poor first half. The forwards on both sides shot badly, and at half-time nothing had been scored. Following change of end, West Bromwich Albion held the upper hand, and after Buck had scored from a penalty kick, nine put on a second goal. Blackpool could not respond, and West Bromwich Albion thus won by 2 goals to 0.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals for	Goals ag.	Pts
W. Brom. Alb.	16	9	2	5	23	11	23
Birmingham	15	9	4	2	25	18	20
Fulham	14	7	2	5	22	16	19
Bolton W.	15	8	5	2	19	12	18
Tottenham H.	14	7	3	3	23	8	18
Stockport C.	14	8	4	2	16	20	18
Leeds City	15	7	4	4	19	14	18
Glossop	14	6	3	5	20	14	17
Hull City	15	7	5	3	23	15	17
Derby County	16	5	4	7	20	16	17
Oldham Ath.	12	6	5	1	22	17	13
Chesterfield	15	6	7	2	14	22	13
Wivramptn. W.	16	3	7	6	19	22	12
Clapton Orient	14	5	6	3	11	15	11
Blackpool	14	3	6	5	13	22	11
Burnley	15	5	9	1	22	29	11
Grimsby Town	14	4	8	2	15	24	10
Gainsboro' T.	14	2	7	5	15	35	9
Bradford	15	3	9	3	11	21	8
Barnsley	15	2	9	4	13	22	8

ATHLETICS.

LONDON RAILWAYS A.A.

Mr. J. V. A. Kelly is in optimistic mood over this association, of which he is hon. sec. The three-mile road race and sealed handicap will be held at Ruislip next Saturday. You must send in your entry form by first post to-morrow (Monday) to Mr. E. Redfearn, Goods Dept., G.N.R., King's Cross. A special express runs from Paddington (G.W.R.) at 3.2 p.m. at a reduced fare.

ST. CATHERINE'S COLLEGE (CAMBRIDGE) SPORTS.

At the St. Catherine's College (Cambridge) sports, decided at Cambridge, the Strangers' Long Jump Handicap was won by M. G. D. Murray (Trinity), receiving four inches, who jumped 21ft. 2½in. C. Barnard (Downing), received two feet and jumped 19ft 5in. was second. A. C. B. Bellerby (Emanuel) scratch, was third by jumping 21ft 4in. Although Bellerby, the Varsity secretary, did the best jump of the lot, 21ft 4in, he had to concede 4in to Murray, the Trinity blue who is an Australian, and reached 21ft 2½in, which gave him victory, as he was also an inch and a half better on the handicap than Barnard, the Haileyburian, who wrested second prize from Bellerby by an inch.

SOUTHEND H.

Remarkable Handicapping.

The Southend H decided a five miles cross-country race at Grays, the result of which showed remarkable handicapping, for 15sec covered the difference between the finishing times of the first six men, and so fewer than 18 finished within a minute. There were 26 competitors, and the result was as follows:—K. Hayard, 2min 55sec start (time, 24min 2sec), 1; W. Lloyd, 4min 55sec (20min 3sec), 2; P. L. Coates, 4min 25sec (24min 4sec), 3; W. Brewer, 4min 45sec (24min 5sec), 4; T. Mullins, 5min (24min 8sec), 5; W. A. Fisher, 4min 50sec (24min 20sec), 6. W. Brewer won the unplaced novice's medal, and Mullins won the prize for the first unplaced local man home. W. J. Thorogood (scr) made fastest time of 25min.

INTER-CLUB TEAM RACE.

At Merton Park, Wimbledon, the Thames Valley H., Sunbury H., Ashcombe A.C., Sutton H., Tooting A.C. and the Lewisham Institute H. decided a five miles inter-club team race. The Tooting A.C. gained a victory over the Thames Valley H. by 32 points. P. Bryant, of the Sunbury, who ran a splendid race, was first man home. Club placings: Tooting A.C., 49 points, 1; Thames Valley H., 81, 2; Sunbury H., 85, 3; Ashcombe A.C., 128, 4; Sutton H., 194, 5; Lewisham Institute H., 222, 6. Individual placings: P. Bryant, Sunbury H., 28min 11sec, 1; H. Green, Sutton H. (A team), 2; M. J. Bolton, T.V.H., 29min 5sec, 3; G. W. Fowles, T.V.H., 30min 8sec, 4; P. Marshall, Tooting A.C., 30min 10sec, 5; J. W. Lewis, Tooting A.C., 30min 47sec, 6; J. Taylor, Tooting A.C., 7; C. F. Ball, Ashcombe A.C., 8; W. Wheeler, Tooting A.C., 9; S. E. Bower, Tooting A.C., 10; M. Borley, Sunbury H., 11; F. C. Lewis, Tooting A.C., 12.

THE NICHOLLS' CUP RACE.

South London H. Beat Blackheath H.

Over a seven miles' course, at West Wickham, the South London Harriers beat the Blackheath Harriers scoring 10 on each side, with 12 points, with the lower score of 99 points to Blackheath's 111 in the annual match for the challenge cup presented by Mr. E. F. Nicholls—a trophy which is held for 12 months by the winning team. The Blackheathens have mostly proved successful, but yesterday the S.L.H. turned up in goodly numbers, and with A. Knott in fine form they not only won, but also supplied the first man home. It was an extremely close race, all the scoring men being in the first 20, although there were 60 starters. Knott got away from Judson two miles from home. The finish was as follows —F. A. Knott, S.L.H., 42min 12 2-5sec, 1; E. F. Judson, Blackheath, 42min 23sec, 2; F. Ayres, S.L.H., 43min 3½, 3; L. J. L. Pullar, S.L.H., 43min 10sec, 4; C. A. Gaeser, Blackheath, 43min 15 2-5sec, 5; G. J. Cuming, S.L.H., 43min 23sec, 6; J. L. Churchill, S.L.H., 43min 36sec, 7; H. E. J. Southwell, Blackheath, 43min 47sec, 8; F. D. Sowerby, S.L.H., 43min 51sec, 9; C. H. Baxter, Blackheath, 44min 10, 10; M. F. White, Blackheath, 44min 36 2-5sec, 11; E. Hollingsworth, Blackheath, 44min 55sec, 12; J. E. Powell, S.L.H., 13; A. H. Woodhouse, Blackheath, 14; E. R. Small, Blackheath, 15; F. Fry, Blackheath, 16; C. G. Mathie, S.L.H., 17; R. W. Davis, Blackheath, 18; F. Sanders, S.L.H., 19; H. C. Stevens, S.L.H., 20.

NORTH LONDON C.C. ASSOCIATION.

The fifth annual inter-team race for North London clubs affiliated to the above association proved a great success. The course was from Wheatstone and in the vicinity of Mill Hill and Totteridge over the golf links, a distance of three miles, which was negotiated twice. Twenty teams, representing 14 clubs, competed, and altogether some 240 competitors faced the starter. An admirable start was effected, the whole contingent presenting a most picturesque scene. F. M. Ashford was the first to break the line, but the Finchley harrier quickly gave way to the Brothers Hebbs of the Highgate Harriers, with A. G. Hill in close attendance. At the half distance Hill was the only runner to hold his position, the order being:—A. Hill, Gainsford H., 1; R. Pingree, New Barnet, 2; W. Dearman, North London, 3; with Sutton, Finchley Andrews, Finchley, Pepper, Highgate, Ashford, Finchley, and E. W. and A. Hebbs all within 200 yards. The going was on the heavy side, and the new back markers seemed to make an impression on the leaders. To the end the position of the leading trio was unaltered, the Gainsford harrier gaining a most popular victory by 150 yards. Details:—A. G. Hill Gainsford A.C., time 36min 47sec, 1; R. Pingree, New Barnet A.C., 37min 25sec, 2; W. Dearman, North London H. (A team), 37min 44 2-5sec, 3; F. M. Ashford, Finchley H. (A team), 38min 2sec, 4; P. E. Durmur, Finchley H. (A team), 38min 11sec, 5; T. W. Mitchell, Archway H., 38min 15sec, 6; E. J. Pepper, Highgate H. (A team), 7; E. G. Andrews, Finchley H. (A team), 8; W. Hebbs, Highgate H. (A team), 9; W. J. Collier, Wigmore H., 10; S. C. Lashbrooke, Highgate H. (A team), 11; A. Hebbs, Highgate H. (A team), 12; J. J. Barrett, Irish A.C., 13; R. J. Farrant, Shaftesbury (A team), 14; W. T. Worsfold, Shaftesbury H. (A team), 15; M. Maloney, Irish A.C., 16; T. R. Blake, Shaftesbury H. (A team), 17; E. Remmington, Shaftesbury H. (A team), 18; E. S. Carroll, St. Mary's H., 19; A. Brice, New Barnet A.A., 20. Club placings:—Highgate (A team), 62, 1; Finchley H. (A team), 83, 2; Shaftesbury H. (A team), 96, 3; New Barnet A.A., 125, 4; North London H. (A team), 129, 5; Gainsford A.C., 164, 6 Irish A.C., 221, 7; Archway H., 231, 8; Wigmore H., 275, 9; St. Mary's H., 326, 10; St. Martin's H., 328, 11; Crouch End H., 404, 12.

Hampstead H.—There were 28 starters for this club's 7 miles steeplechase at North Finchley. Result:—E. Mayne, 3min 30sec start, 1; A. Oughton, 1min 40sec, 2; J. Mayne, 1min 20sec, 3. Previously led for five miles, when he was passed by Mayne, and later by Oughton; the latter in turn tried to catch Mayne, but was beaten by 100 yards. Nett time, 46min. Fuller won the novice prize, and W. Driver (ninth) the unplaced married men's prize.

Queen's Park H.—The five miles' Cubett Cook "Cup" handicap of the Queen's Park Harriers declared void last week was successfully decided at Wembley. Result:—C. W. Reynolds, 4min start, handicap time 27min 20sec, 1; B. Ives, 2min 30sec, 27min 25sec, 2; W. H. Hazell, 2min 35sec, 27min 35sec, 3; W. F. Cane, 2min 15sec, 27min 40sec, 4; W. E. Gorge, 2min 50sec, 5; T. G. Green, 6. Won easily by 20 yards. H. D. Bowmaker, who finished 12th from scratch, secured the fast-time prize, and W. F. Cane the prize for first unplaced novice. A one-mile boys' Queen's Park H.—A one-mile boys' scratch race, promoted by the Queen's Park Harriers, was held at Wembley. Result: P. Coles, 1; Eaton, 2; Jenkins, 3; Asfold, 4; Hazel, 5; Crook, 6; Tabb, 7. The winner led all he way and won by 10 yards. Time, 6min 11sec.

Polytechnic H.—The Polytechnic Harriers held a three and a quarter miles handicap at Eastcote. There were 58 competitors. B. C. Long (scratch) did fastest time of 18min 21sec. Placings:—W. E. Hall, 1min 50sec start, 19 min 13sec nett time, 1; P. Manby, 1min 25sec, 19min 14sec, 2; F. Bland, 3min, 20min 30sec, 3. J. H. Howe, 2min 45sec, 4; F. W. Hall, 2min 15sec, 5; H. F. Barratt, 1min, 6. At the half-distance Farrell was leading, At two miles Bland took the lead, with Cook and Farrell well up. Half a mile from home Hall took up the running and won by 80 yards; others close up.

Salford H.—With 20 competitors, the result of the Salford Harriers' five miles novices handicap at Rhodes, near Manchester, was as follows:—C. W. Burgess, 4min 30sec start, 1; W. Adshead, 4min 45sec, 2; J. Marshall, 2min 45sec, 3; W. Parker, scratch, 4. Won easily. Time, 35min 17sec.

Thames H. and H.—A run was held over 7½ miles 'Varsity course, starting and ending at Hampton, by the Thames Hare and Hounds in view of pioneering and laying the trail in the Oxford v. Cambridge match next Saturday. The weather was mild and the course was in light condition

NATIONAL CYCLISTS' UNION.

The Council of the National Cyclists' Union held its meeting in the Press Room at the Royal Agricultural Hall, yesterday, under the chairmanship of Mr. Robert Todd.

The attention of the Committee having been directed to complaints from riders who represented the Union in the World's Championships in Germany, the following resolution was passed:—"This Committee, having heard Mr. Britten's explanation, see no ground for any complaint against him personally, but are of opinion that the system under which arrangements have been made in the past is faulty, and will take steps to alter it in the future." It being decided that the dates of next year's Championships be fixed as early as possible, centres have been communicated with, and Southampton has already expressed a desire to hold the principal events at Portsmouth. Messrs. Grimn, Fattorini, Wakeford, Wheelwright, Jenkins, Deacon, Walker, and Hardwick were reappointed first-grade official timekeepers. The resolution of the Committee on the treatment of the British riders at Leipsic gave rise to a long discussion, the Birmingham and Coventry representatives being particularly keen in their criticism, and at one time the argument became very heated. The proposed new agreement with the Amateur Athletic Association was considered, and a recommendation to the effect that "no agreement with the A.A.A. which does not give the N.C.U. complete control over cycle racing can be considered as satisfactory" was unanimously carried. The proposal of the Manchester centre to delete the rule regarding the use of easily detached toe-clips in racing was lost, the voting being in favour of the proposition, but well short of the necessary two-thirds majority. A proposal to allow amateurs and professionals to compete together in open events was thrown out, almost without discussion. A proposal by Mr. Goodwin, of Birmingham, that the rule prohibiting the giving of bicycles as prizes should be deleted was also defeated, but a proposition that the conditions concerning it be clearly advertised and printed on the prospectuses and programmes of meetings was carried.

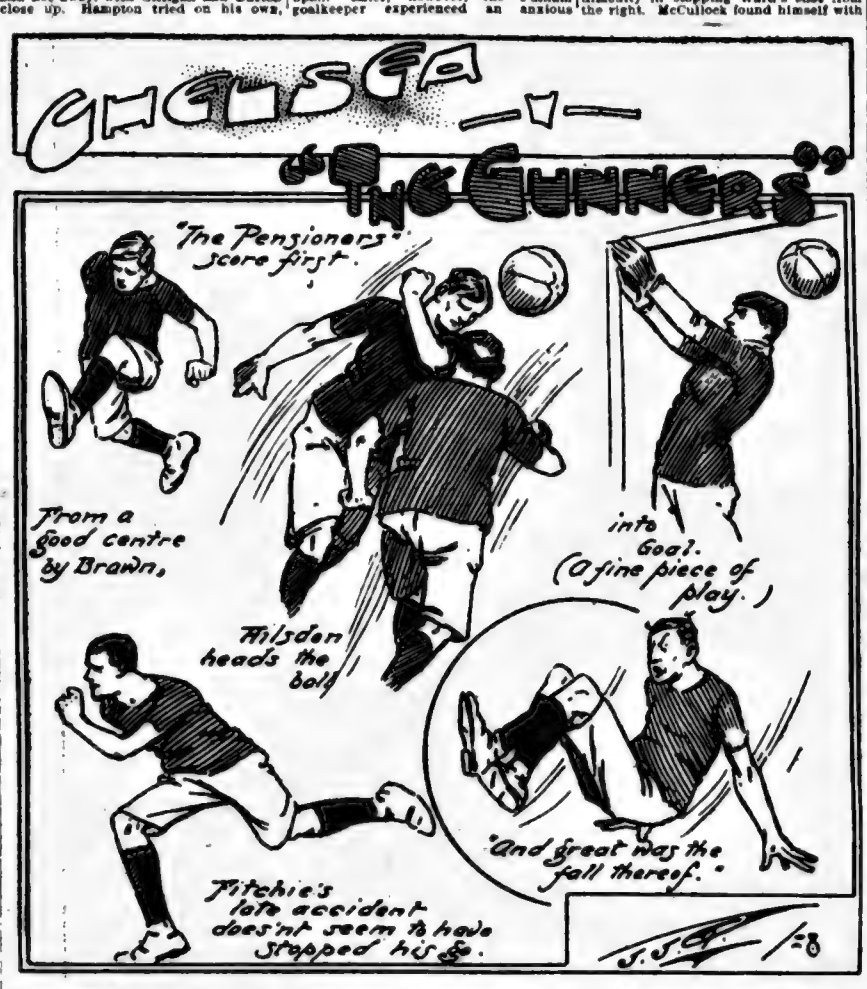
World's championship scarves, from the U.C.I. were presented to Leon Meredith, in person, and to the Birmingham centre on behalf of Victor Johnson.

WALKING.

GARRATT W.C. v. MIDDLESEX W.C.

Fine Walking by Lang.

In a 14 miles' inter-club walking race at Summerstown, the Garratt W.C. beat the Middlesex W.C. by 41 points to 62. The order of finishing was: H. Lang, Garratt (time, 1hr 55min 4sec), 1; W. F. Mitchell, Garratt (1hr 58min 25sec), 2; E. J. Tudor, Middlesex (2hr 52min 25sec), 3; F. R. Leatherby, Middlesex (2hr 3min 24sec), 4; W. Hancock, Garratt (2hr 3min 24 1-5sec), 5; W. Lane, Garratt (2hr 3min 49sec), 6; C. M. Sampson, Middlesex (2hr 4min 46sec), 7; E. W. Emerton, Middlesex (2hr 5min 53sec), 8; H. A. Richardson, Middlesex (2hr 5min 57sec), 9; T. Hadnutt, Garratt (2hr 7min 22sec), 10. Lang took the lead at the end of three miles, and walking splendidly throughout, won by 700yds. With 2min start he also won the sealed handicap. Hancock, 10min, being second, and Emerton, 12min, third.



"THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

PARAGRAPHS FROM ALL PARTS.

In London 2,187 births and 1,357 deaths were registered last week.

The births were 234 and the deaths 199 below the average numbers in the corresponding weeks of the previous five years.

The annual death-rate from all causes, which had been 15.2, 15.1, and 15.4 per 1,000 in the preceding three weeks, fell last week to 14.8.

The deaths included 33 from measles, 8 from scarlet fever, 16 from diphtheria, 7 from whooping-cough, 11 from enteric fever, and 31 from diarrhœa.

Different forms of violence caused 50 deaths, of which 10 were cases of suicide, and 2 of homicide, while the remaining 38 were attributed to accident or negligence.

In Greater London 3,339 births and 1,988 deaths were registered. Allowing for increase of population, these numbers are 370 and 185 below the respective averages in the corresponding weeks of the previous five years.

The deaths registered last week in 76 great towns of England and Wales corresponded to an annual rate of 13.6 per 1,000 of their aggregate population, which is estimated at 18,234,962 persons in the middle of this year.

Mr. Jno. Rogers, of Tewkesbury, who claims descent from the Baron Rogers who lived in the time of the Crusades, has just celebrated the 190th anniversary of his birthday, and was the recipient of congratulations from the King, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Lord Mayor of Bristol, and many others. Mr. Rogers enjoys excellent health.

LAVISH PRAISE.

Asked what they thought of Gibraltar and the warships stationed there, two Moors who were formerly Ministers of the ex-Sultan Abdul Aziz, replied, "Grand, like everything British."

PUBLIC READING-ROOM FOR CHILDREN.

A public reading-room for children has been inaugurated at Mannheim, Germany. The library is free, and contains German, French, English, and Italian story books and books of travel likely to interest young readers.

WALRUSES AT THE ZOO.

Two young walrus cubs, the first to reach London for 40 years, have arrived at the Zoological Gardens from Norway and have been placed in a specially railed-off part of the sea lions' pond. They are feeding well on filleted fish, mussels, and other shell-fish.

Hy. Barber, formerly a Hereford policeman, has been sent to prison for three months' hard labour for neglecting his five children.

Of the two tourists who were lost in a snowstorm in the Austrian Alps, one was found alive and well by the rescue party, the other died before help arrived.

Burglars broke into the residence of Maj. Johnson, Erin House, Atkinson-rd., Balham, and got away with a quantity of silver plate, including a number of presentation cups.

A son of El Guebbas, the Moorish Acting Foreign Minister, has been appointed Governor of the Tangier district—to the great disgust of the population.

Three children were born in the liner Moravian on a recent voyage between England and Australia. The children have been christened after the ship, the captain, and the ship's doctor.

In Boston Cemetery a man named Clarke, who was acting as one of the bearers at a funeral, was seized with sudden illness at the graveside. He expired in the church to which he was removed.

In order to resist absorption in Greater London, a proposal that Wimbledon and neighbouring districts should apply for county borough powers was warmly supported at a public meeting at Wimbledon.

THRIFTY AUSTRALIA.

The total number of depositors in the savings banks of the Commonwealth of Australia is 1,327,398. The amount to their credit is £46,050,208, and the average credit per depositor is £34 13s. 10d., as compared with £11 14s. 7d., the average credit per depositor in the United Kingdom.

MASKED HIGHWAYMEN.

Devonshire police are hunting a masked highwayman who, in broad daylight, waylaid and robbed Leonard Johns, near Topsham. Johns was on the way to a factory with a bag containing £36, when his assailant sprang out from a hedge, threw a piece of sacking over Johns' head, and escaped on a bicycle with the money.

THE TOWN WITHOUT TREES.

To remove the reproach that Southwold was a town without trees, the mayor, in the presence of the members of the corporation, has planted the first of 150 trees which it is intended shall adorn the place. On payment of the cost of the tree it has been decided to permit any resident to plant a tree to which his name will be affixed on a small label.

An inquest was held by the City Coroner on Samuel Layton, aged 71, who was killed while pluckily attempting to stop a runaway horse.

The Rev. Montague Fowler, M.A., rector of All Hallows, London Wall, will deliver four addresses on the Sunday evenings in Advent on "The History of All Hallows."

Sir W. Huggins finds it necessary to give up the use of the telescopes and spectroscopes with which the Royal Society provided him in 1871, and the society has offered the whole equipment to Cambridge University.

At a conference of 47 delegates from traders' associations in and around London, the London and Suburban Traders' Federation was definitely formed and a committee appointed.

The three twin-screw steamers to be built for the Zeeland Co. at the Fairfield yards at Govan, Glasgow, are to cost £300,000, and to be completed by April 1, 1911. They are to have a speed of 21 knots.

"One black eye is not sufficient proof of cruelty," said the Tower Bridge magistrate to a woman who applied for a separation from her husband. "A man may give his wife a black eye once."

The Board of Agriculture have been authorised by the Treasury to repay half the expenses incurred by the county councils and the councils of county boroughs in ascertaining the demand for small holdings.

In dealing with a fire which broke out in the engine-room of the London steamer Obi at Liverpool, the chief engineer and two firemen were injured, one being badly crushed by falling between the vessel and the dock wall.

"In former days," said counsel at Wandsworth County Court, "if a bricklayer cut his thumb he used to put a bit of rag round it and go on with his work. Now that there is a Workmen's Compensation Act he is tempted to make much of it, instead of working."

A PATRIOTIC DECISION.

Islington Borough Council have passed a resolution to the effect that their committees be instructed to give preference, "where reasonably practicable," to goods of British manufacture.

THE POTATO CROP.

Great Britain's potato crop this year is estimated at 3,910,758 tons—an increase of nearly one million tons over last year—the average yield per acre being 6.97 tons, as compared with an average of 5.78 tons for the past 10 years.

PAUPERS FOR 100 YEARS.

The ancestors of a man who is living with his wife and five children in a scullery at Rowington, South Warwickshire, have been paupers for a century. He is compelled to live in the scullery because no landlord will let him a cottage, but proceedings for overcrowding are pending.

The Rev. C. H. T. Wood, assistant master and chaplain at Marlborough College, has been appointed headmaster of Sherborne School.

Thirteen bullocks entered a wood at Wallington Park, South Runcton, Norfolk, and ate some yew. Many died soon afterwards.

At an inquest held at Ipswich on a man named Webb it was stated that he received fatal injuries by tripping over his bootlace.

"I was told that this man was staying in the country," said a rate collector at Willesden Police Court. "I found he was in Brixton Prison."

Many firms in Russian Poland have suffered heavy losses owing to a sudden frost, which has caused their cargo boats to be ice-bound in the Vistula.

A boat containing six of the crew of the steamer T. W. Stewart capsized off Margate, and one of the men, named David Porth, was drowned.

Dr. Wm. Archibald, who for five years has been assistant to the medical officer of Glasgow, has been appointed medical officer to Luton Town Council, at a salary of £400, rising to £500.

A proposal that the public footways and carriageways in cul-de-sacs in the borough shall be laid out as children's playgrounds to provide work for the unemployed, is being considered by a committee of the St. Pancras Council.

The Earl of Ellesmere has just given £125 towards the formation of an ambulance training centre for the mining districts of Worsley, Walkden, Boothstown, and Little Hulton, lying between Manchester and Bolton, and has been appointed the first president.

J.P. STEALS FROM J.P.

Ed. Wm. Bayley, J.P., was sentenced to six months' in the second division at Eastbourne for stealing an overcoat belonging to Mr. L. Wood, J.P. Bayley is possessed of large means, but became a victim of alcoholism and was recently allowed only three guineas a week and necessaries by a trustee.

DOCTORS TO CARRY WEIGHING MACHINES.

Essex Education Committee have decided to increase the salaries of their medical officers by £100 per annum, on condition that they provide themselves with motor-cars and carry with them to each school a weighing machine and height measure.

A BIG MOVE.

The L. and S.W. Rly. Co. will next year move the whole of the mechanical engineers' department from London to Eastleigh. The total number of the staff is approximately 1,500, of whom about 250 are apprentices. Including the families this will mean an increase in the population of Eastleigh of from 4,000 to 5,000.

President Roosevelt has accepted an invitation to deliver an address before the Royal Geographical Society in London on his return from his tour in Africa, which will probably take place early in 1910.

Indignant at her young brother being punished at school, Miss Emma Forrest, of Halesowen, Worcestershire, assaulted the schoolmaster in the presence of his class. She was fined 20s. and costs.

At a number of churches at Ottawa (Canada) the services on Sunday were conducted without music, as, on account of the water famine, there was no power to supply wind for the organs.

While a motor-car was being driven near Coventry it swerved, ran up a bank, and overturned. Thos. Abbott, of Newport, Isle of Wight, being killed and a Coventry man named Pegg badly injured.

The agreement has been issued between the Post Office and the Canadian Pacific Railway to convey the mails from Liverpool to Hong Kong by the all-British route in 34 days in summer and 35½ in winter for £45,000 a year.

Arrested by the Devizes police for drunkenness, a tramp named Sweeney was found to be in possession of six bottles of champagne, and, with another man, he was subsequently charged on suspicion with stealing the wine from a shooting-box.

"His Majesty wishes you both many more years of happiness," runs a message of congratulation which the King has sent through his private secretary to Mr. and Mrs. J. Balme, of Halifax, who have just celebrated their diamond wedding.

While shooting recently with Mr. Bradley Martin's party at Balmacaan, Inverness-shire, the Earl of Home had a sharp right and left at rabbits scurrying through the bushes. The beaters were much surprised when they went forward to pick up the rabbits to find a dead woodcock beside each of them.

A TRIP POSTPONED.

Rht. Geo. Wilton, who escaped from Manchester Police Court, and was recaptured after being at large for a fortnight, as he was about to sail for America, was sentenced at Manchester Assizes to four years' penal servitude for burglary

OLDEST JEWISH MINISTER.

The Rev. Prof. D. W. Marks, formerly minister of the Jewish Reform Congregation of London, has just celebrated his 98th birthday. One of the founders of the Jewish Reform movement in London, he is the oldest Jewish minister in the Empire.

CITY OF FEW TELEPHONES.

The Austrian postal department intends spending £250,000 on developing the telephone service of the country. At present there are only 22,000 subscribers in Vienna, and would-be subscribers have sometimes to wait several months for a telephone.

"The trousers were not necessities," said the Westminster County Court judge, in dismissing a claim against a minor.

Among a collection of objects of vertu recently sold at Christie's was an old French watch, in a case, of Louis Treize enamel, which fetched £126.

Mr. Samuel Wood, 60, a prominent member of Ilkeston Town Council, died very suddenly. He was offered the Mayoralty a year ago, but declined.

Official returns for the first 10 months of this year show that there were 335,316 passengers by the Dover-Calais cross-Channel boats during that period.

It was reported at a meeting of the Depwade, Norfolk, Guardians that an inmate of the county asylum had cost the union £1,307 during the past 48 years.

The King has approved the appointment of Mr. H. W. C. Carnduff, C.I.E., to be a judge of the High Court of Calcutta in the place of Justice Rampini, who has retired.

"Another of my mistakes," said a man who was arrested in Caledonian-rd., N., after breaking a clothier's window; "it ought to have been a jeweller's."

Counsel at Bow County Court: What do you deal in?—Plaintiff: Anything I can make a bit out of. I would buy you if I thought I could make a dollar out of it.

Mr. Burns was taking his orders from the red-tape hide-bound officials of the Local Government Board, said Councillor Rogers at the meeting of Battersea Borough Council, when a resolution was adopted condemning the Government for the dilatory manner in which it was dealing with unemployment.

QUEER ASSORTMENT.

Included in 450 lots of derelict goods left in the racks of G.W. Rly. trains or not "cleared" in the company's goods departments, which were sold by auction, were a skull, a maypole, an elephant's foot, and two artificial legs.

TOLLED HIS OWN DEATH KNELL.

How a sexton tolled the bell at his own death was related at the inquest on John Newberry, sexton of St. John's Church, Horninglow, Burton-on-Trent. After quarrelling with his wife, Newberry went to the church, tied the bell-rope round his neck, and then jumped from the heating apparatus in the belfry.

FINE SWIMMING RECORD.

Framlingham College has received another vellum testimonial from the Royal Humane Society for life saving. Philip S. Chapman having saved a youth from the sea at Yarmouth. The Framlingham College Swimming Class, which has for 13 years had as tutor Mr. E. W. Lynch, has been awarded 1,019 of the Royal Life Saving Society's medallions and certificates, establishing a world's record.

It was announced at Brentford Police Court that out of 40 cases dealt with under the Probation Act there had only been one failure.

"There is as much harm in eating as in drinking; in fact, it is more fatal," remarked Judge Bacon at Whitechapel County Court.

A scheme of dock extension of Fleetwood, involving an outlay of £80,000, has been decided upon by the Lancashire and Yorkshire Rly. Co.

A marriage has been arranged between Mr. A. Sherwell, M.P. for Huddersfield, and Miss Amy Whadcoat, youngest daughter of Mr. J. H. Whadcoat, of Bodiam, Sussex.

At the second quarterly meeting of the Printers' General Medical Aid Association it was reported that over 120 letters had already been issued upon 17 of the most useful medical and surgical institutions in London.

Mr. H. G. Allen, K.C., who has died at Parkeston, Pembrokeshire, in his 94th year, was educated at Rugby, under the famous Dr. Arnold, and formerly represented Pembroke Boroughs in Parliament.

Walter Allen, a Leicester railway porter, has been killed by a bull, which he was helping another man to convey, the animal pinning him against some railings and inflicting five broken ribs and other internal injuries.

The Maccabæans, an exclusive society composed of Jewish professional men, have decided to hold a dinner in honour of Mr. Selig Brodetsky, who was this year bracketed senior wrangler. The dinner will take place this (Sunday) evening, Mr. Arthur Cohen, K.C., in the chair.

Since the Chancellor's fund for the further endowment of Oxford University was inaugurated 18 months ago, gifts and promises of more than £133,000 have been received towards the required quarter of a million. The King of Siam, three of whose sons and one of whose brothers were at Oxford, has sent £200.

LOBSTER POTS IN CHURCH.

At a service of thanksgiving for the harvest of the sea at Port Isaac Church, Cornwall, the walls from end to end were draped with fishing nets, while lobster pots and packing barrels occupied the window spaces.

DESERTED WIVES AND CHILDREN.

On Jan. 1 there were in England and Wales 7,298 women in receipt of relief apart from their husbands, and they had 20,774 children dependent on them; 1,164 of the women and 2,000 of the children were chargeable to London unions.

CHURCH TOWER RESTORATION.

The fine old fifteenth century tower of Fowey Parish Church is to be restored, and the peal of eight bells rehung. Fowey Church is one of the oldest and most beautiful in Cornwall, and was rebuilt in 1336. Its patron saint was originally St. Funbarnes, who was a Bishop of Cork in the sixth century.

NEXT WEEK, "FROM POVERTY-STREET TO GOLDEN-SQUARE." SUNG BY MISS KATE CARNEY.

"I'M LEAVING MONTE CARLO."

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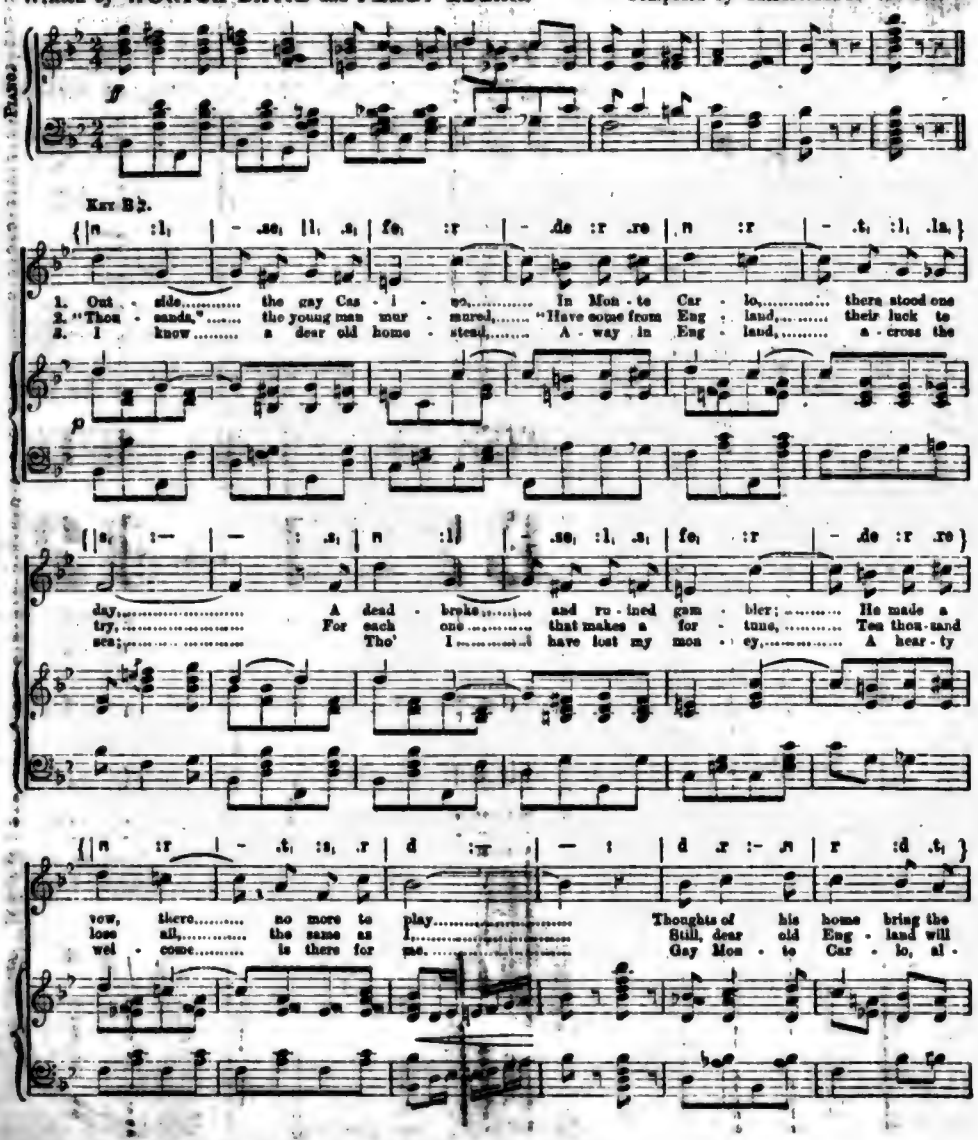

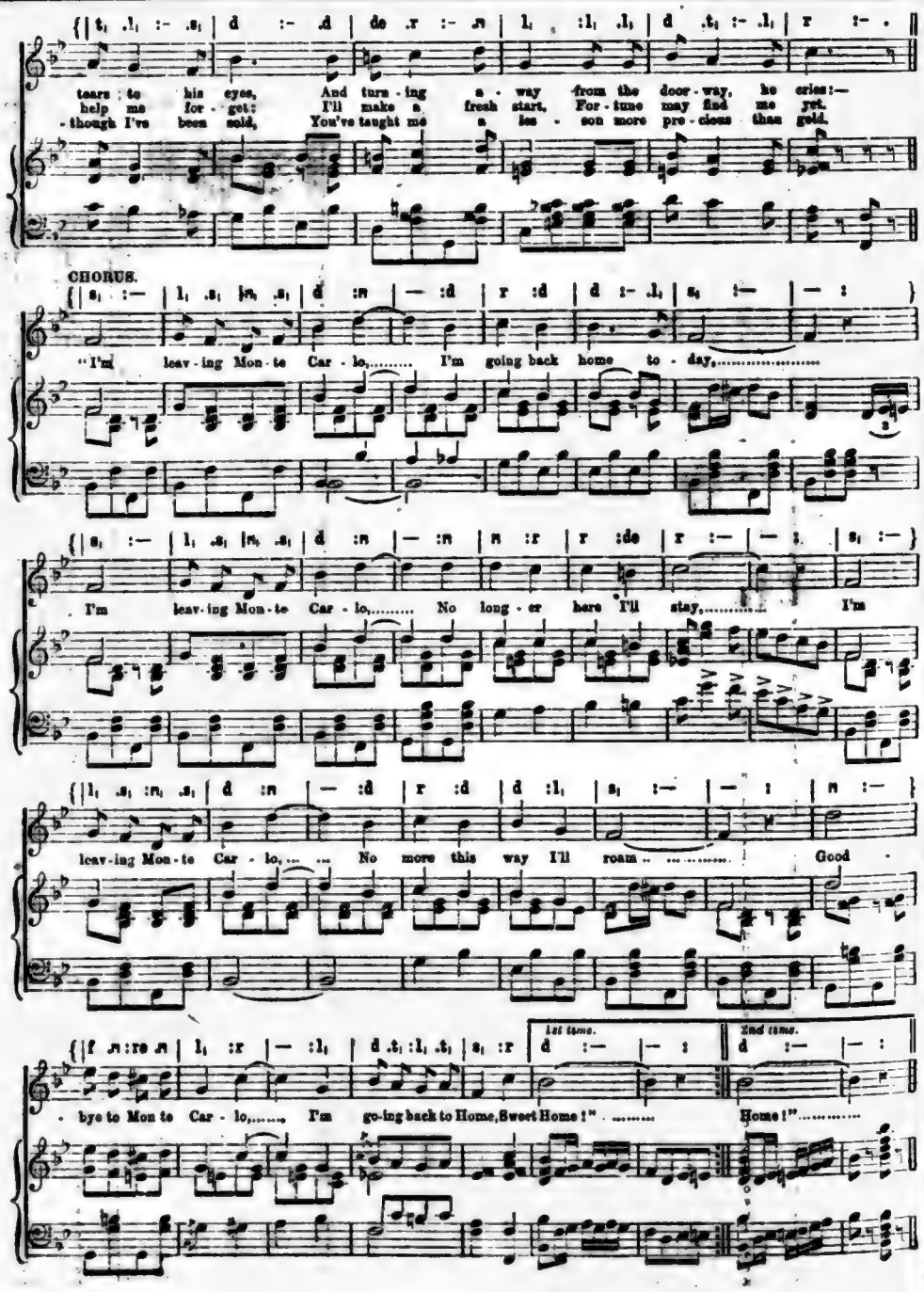

THE ROUNDABOUT PAPERS.

XL.—BILLIE'S BILLYCOCK HAT.

By CHRIS.

Once a merry boy.

Billie Mudd was once a merry boy. The Acacians knew him well—perhaps too well. He had all the incipient makings of a swashbuckler, and the bloodthirsty feelings of Captain Morgan of the Spanish Main and inglorious memory. As a lad he terrorised all the small masculines of Acacia-rd., while he intimidated the bigger juveniles of that famous thoroughfare. In his truculent moments he would "put 'em up," and, as a natural sequence, eventually, "take down" the most truculent of butchers' boys who rolled down the road with their heavy burdens in wooden trays slung carelessly over their shoulders. The best and gone butchers' boys had all tasted of the valour of Billie Mudd, and such was his fame that when a new butcher's boy approached the road his cheery and defiant whistle would drop into a consumptive flutter note. All the little Acacians looked up to him in fear and trembling, while the more developed Acacians looked anywhere but in his direction, and sincerely wished that the police would show a more affectionate interest in Acacia-rd.

If you complained to his parents of a broken window you could make sure that Billie would balance matters by breaking another. In fact, summing up the matter, Billie became the juvenile despot o'er the young and old of Acacia-road, and his name was mentioned in an apprehensive whisper.

That was when Billie wore a cap. It was one of those caps that never come off. He never raised it with respect to any denizen of our favoured thoroughfare and nobody had ever been daring enough to snatch it off his aggressive cranium. Stay! There was a young sweep who did so! But he thought that either a half-dozen earthquake had suddenly asserted itself and tried to shake half the sooty face off, or a well-nourished young mule had given him a record double kick under the jaw-bone. Such was the state of affairs till an outward event took place.

In the tremolo-barrel notes of the pianolo-electric-piano, worked at 32 bars per hour, to the worst or the best of us, "There'll come a time one day," and it so happened that, like every other little juvenile doggie, Billie reached his zenith, and then the decadence of the defiant set in. On that never-to-be-forgotten Sabbath morn Billie appeared in all the glory of a new diadem. It was not a wreath set after the design of the regal crown of England, neither was it fashioned after the stern iron pattern of Lombardy's stamp of power. No, it took the shape of a hard, plain, billy-cock hat. Its distinctly uncompromising and cast-iron puritanical appearance suggested the reasonable and popular price of three and sixpence, while it must be said in all truth, being ready made, that it scarcely fitted the practical skull of bloodthirstr Billie. The lesser youth of Acacia-rd. stood appalled when they saw Billie appear in his new tiara of glory. The hat seemed somehow to depress its wearer, and as he passed by a very small boy —that is, Billie—clipped the small boy's ears after his accustomed manner in quite a dreamy fashion. The small boy was too surprised at the sight of the monument which surmounted Billie's head to even cry out with pain, but he simply, being a real child of Nature, and having a grudge against civilisation, especially when it took the form of a plug hat, gathered up a handful of his damp mother earth in the shape of mud, and directing it with a well-aimed "splosh" at Billie's hat, discreetly

"Splosh!"

retired indoors and burst out crying. As Billie shredded the mud out of his straw-coloured hair he arrived at the conclusion that it was about time, in his own vernacular, "that he took a out of somebody"; so he cast his war-fevered eye round Acacia-road for a prospective victim. As usual, the human sacrifice was at hand—young Timms, who, with his friend, little Briggs, was approaching Billie. They caught sight of the ill-fitting billycock hat, and both commenced to stare solemnly at the early wintry sunset. This did not mollify the young Solomon crowned in all his three-and-sixpenny glory. "Wot was you larfin' at, eh?" he inquired of the humorous Timms. "Numin'," said Timms, keeping a wary eye upon the bunched up fives of the youthful tyrant. "You wos a-larfin'," said Billie, with an incipient Charley Peace frown. "I warn't a-larfin'," said Timms, with a chilling fear at his juvenile heart—"was I, now?" he said, appealing to little Briggs. "You know he was," said Billie, fixing a blood-red battle eye upon the trembling Timms, "You say he warn't a-larfin' at me, an' I'll knock yer ugly little head off for yer; d'ye 'ear?" Poor little Briggs was so terrified that he grew confused, and, racked by his devotion to his friend, bought on a short cut by a pennyworth of butter-scotch and his dread of the young tyrant, he ejaculated, "Yes he was; no he warn't." With a lightning growl Billie aimed a blow at Timms. As he did so there was a pop as if a cork had shot out of a well-shaken ginger-beer bottle, and the billy-cock hat shot up in the air and rolled carelessly but malevolently towards a string of dirty puddles. That was not the worst of the tragedy. The principles of the national and glorious game of football seems to be born in most small boys. To Briggs the temptation was irresistible to kick anything of a rotund shape which started rolling. Without a moment's hesitation, both to the horror of Billie and Timms, he tucked his small elbows close to his sides, and, indulging in a short trot, he gave a running kick at the rolling chapeau which sent it quite a dozen yards down the muddy road. The enormity of the offence dawned on Billie, and with a howl of demoniacal fury he sprung upon the imprudent Briggs. He had scarcely reached him before Timms suddenly attracted, as the rabbit is by the serpent, plunged after the hat and gave it another kick which sent it a few more yards down the road.

It was not now a question of revenge, but a question of saving the terrible hat. To make matters worse a south-westerly wind, which had been playfully careering round the many corners of Acacia-rd., suddenly got up one or two gusts, which sent the now well-muddied helmet well on its way towards Tulip-terrace. It was not now a matter of personal amenities, but an idea of salvaging the precious billy-cock hat. Timms and Briggs, true sportsmen at heart, dropping all feelings of reprisals with a "Tally ho!" joined in the chase of the frisky felt. By degrees all the youth of Acacia-rd. took part in the pursuit of the hat, led by Billie, whose eyes were full of tears at the departure of his glory and the spoliation of his hat. The hunt was ended by a burly man suddenly arriving round the corner of the road.

"You wants a cheechore."

His manner was effective; he simply lifted an enormous-seeming half acre of foot and planted it with crushing emphasis on the hat. Billie, in his indignation, kicked him. The burly man called him "an ungrateful young cub," and to show he had no ill-feeling in the matter, rammed out the dome of the billycock hat with a Goliath-like fist, advising Billie to use a shoe-horn if he wanted the hat to fit him.

Wails and lamentations rose from the mansion of the Mudds on that eventful night, the parental Mudd being of a stern nature and sparing of his three-and-sixpences. As for Billie, his power has flown, and the smallest boy in the road, when so disposed, sniggers at him with impunity.

BODY UNDER THE FLOOR.

TERRIBLE DISCOVERY OF MURDERED WOMAN.

Mr. H. R. Oswald opened an inquest at Lewisham on Bertha Hume, aged 27, the wife of a tailor named Geo. Hume, living at Loampit-hill, Lewisham, who, as announced in "The People" was found underneath some flooring at the house where she resided with her husband. The remarkable nature of the discovery attracted a large number of the general public to the court. Hume, who is at present an inmate of the Lewisham Infirmary, where, it is stated, he is suffering from delusions, was found wandering and acting in a peculiar manner in a thoroughfare not far from his house. —Wm. Curtis, a foreman platelayer, living at Waterbeach, Cambridgeshire, identified the body as that of his daughter.—Sub-div.-insp. Garner spoke to visiting 3, Loampit-hill. Outside he saw Curtis, and, in consequence of information which he gave him, witness went into the house and examined the front workshop. Beneath the linoleum he noticed that there were floor boards, each 6½in. wide, which had been recently cut through.

FINDING THE BODY.

They had been replaced in position, but had not been nailed. He removed the boards, and then saw the body of a woman. The cavity was about three feet deep. The body was fully dressed, and there was a straw hat at the side. The body was lying on the right side, with the head bent back, and the legs were sticking upwards and against the party wall. Finding the body was cold, he sent for a doctor, and after medical examination it was removed to the Lewisham mortuary. A long cord, tied in the form of a slip-knot, was fastened round the woman's neck. There were three twists of the cord round the neck. A small pool of blood could be seen at the spot where the head was lying. —In answer to a juror, witness said he personally knew of no complaints against Hume.—The coroner said the husband was detained in the lunacy ward at the infirmary, and was certainly not in a fit state to give evidence at present. He might not be able to give evidence for some time, or perhaps never, but they must adjourn for a few days in order to allow the man an opportunity of giving evidence, if he was able and willing to do so.—The case was adjourned until Dec. 10.

MELEE BETWEEN SEAMEN.

A sequel to the recent melee at Hull between English and negro seamen was told at Hull, yesterday, when a coloured man named Ben Ali was charged with wounding an English sailor named Sherry. The dispute arose on Nov. 17 at the office of the Shipping Federation, and in the melee which followed between whites and blacks knives were used and two Englishmen were badly injured, having to be detained at the infirmary. Accused was sent to the sessions.

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TRIPLE MURDER.

FUNERAL OF THE CHILD VICTIMS.

AFFECTING SCENES.

The three little victims of the Canning Town triple tragedy were buried yesterday at the East London Cemetery. The names of the children were:—Frederick Nadin, aged four; Johanna Nadin, aged six; Angus Nadin, aged eleven. The coffins were carried in two open hearses, heaped high with flowers. The two younger children were borne in the first hearse, the coffin of the boy Angus following. In order to avoid the collection of a large crowd the time of the funeral was announced as 2.30 p.m. The cortege, however, started from the house at 10.30 a.m. Despite this the streets from the house to the cemetery were thronged with thousands of people, many of them poor and in rags, but all quiet and well behaved. All the men uncovered as the two hearses with the three following mourning coaches passed.

Police on Guard.

Nearly 50 police guarded the entrance to the cemetery, and only the mourners were admitted. The simple ceremony at the graveside was, however, watched by a crowd of over a thousand bareheaded men and weeping women, who had mounted a high embankment overlooking the cemetery. The service was read by the Rev. Mr. Lees, vicar of St. Matthias Church, Hermit-rd., and the choir of the church in their surplices sang "Abide with me" at the graveside. Among the many floral offerings were four from the Hermit-rd. Schools, which the children had attended. They came from the infant scholars, the girls, the boys, and the teachers.

THE INQUEST.

HOW THE CHILDREN WERE KILLED.

Tragic details of the murder were told at the West Ham Coroner's Court, when Mr. Geo. Hilleary opened the inquest on the victims.—Margaret M. Nadin, the mother, was recalled, and given a seat, despite her statement that she was quite strong and could stand. She said she lived at 9, Bethell-avenue, Plaistow, and that her husband was a seaman. He was employed on the steamship Darmeet, trading between London and Southampton. He had had pretty fair health till the last fortnight; he had not been ill enough to lie up. He had been regularly employed on the Darmeet for 3½ years. They moved into Bethell-avenue eight years last October, and had lived quite happily. He had complained of over-tired feelings, but she had not noticed that he had been strange in his manner. On Friday, Nov. 6, he was at home, and went to bed at about nine o'clock, as he did not feel very grand, and he thought he would have a good rest. Soon after he went to bed he called her, and said he felt very strange—that there was a creeping sensation coming from his feet as if it was cramp. She got him some brandy, which seemed to do him some good. The next day after breakfast he seemed very depressed, and still complained of the cramp. He, however, went to work that day, and when he came home in the evening he was very quiet. He got aboard the ship at 10.30 p.m., and on the Monday witness received a telegram from him, sent from Southampton, asking her to meet him at Canning Town.

Five Children in Bed.

While she was getting ready to go to meet him he entered the house, and told her that he had come up by the express train. He also said he could not stop at his work, that he did not feel well enough. He looked very ill, and she asked him to see a doctor. He told witness he would go to the Seamen's Hospital, but she did not know if he went. He remained at home till Nov. 17. During the last few days he seemed to be better; he ate his food better, but said he did not feel as he ought to feel, and he did not seem to care to return to work. He went out on the evening of Nov. 17 to join his ship at Southampton, and he returned with the ship to the Victoria Docks on the Thursday evening, arriving home at about 11.30. He seemed to be better in spirits. He went to work on Friday, and she noticed nothing wrong with him in the evening when he returned. Nothing unusual happened during the night. On Saturday morning witness got up at about a quarter-past seven o'clock, and got his breakfast ready. She went out to buy some bacon and an egg at 7.30, and left him in the house getting ready for work. The fire children were then in bed altogether. — Frederick, Maggie, and Johanna slept at the head of the bed, and George and Angus at the foot.

Cutting His Own Throat.

When she returned to the house her husband was washing in the scullery. She prepared breakfast, and they sat down together. She noticed nothing unusual about him then, but he was very quiet. So far as she knew, he had had a very good night, and having finished breakfast he put on his hat and jacket to go out.—What happened then? What was his usual practice? Well, he would go into the bedroom and kiss the children, of whom he was very fond.—And when he went out of the room you thought he was going to do the same? Yes, sir.—Was it long afterwards when you heard screams? No; I think it was the little girl Maggie who screamed, "Oh, daddy! Oh, daddy!" I ran at once into the bedroom.—Had he ever touched the children before? No; I don't think he hardly thrashed them.

Lying in the Roadway.

—Did you rush at him and catch hold of the razor? Yes, sir. I did not get it from him. I tried to, but I did not get it out of his grasp. As I was trying to get it he came out of the bedroom with me into the passage. The person that lives above me—Mrs. McCombie—heard my cries, and she came into the passage and tried to help me get the razor. I don't know whether she did get it, but anyway, he got it again. My little girl Maggie ran into the front room, and he went in after her. I got her out, and I then locked him in.—Did he say anything to you at all? No, not a word.—Did he attempt to injure you at all? No. The cuts I got were in trying to get the razor. I had hold of it, and got cut.—Adjourned.

RIVAL CLAIMANTS.

DISPUTED IDENTITY OVER A DEAD BODY.

Mr. Robt. Geo. Smith, an engineer, of 47, Russell-st., Battersea Park-rd., and Mrs. Faulkner, of Old Mill-rd., Plumstead, the former of whom claimed a body found in the River Lea on Nov. 19 as that of his son, Thos. Jos. Smith, aged 35 years, and the latter as that of her husband, Wm. Jno. Faulkner, aged 36 years, have both sworn a statutory declaration at the North London Police Court that their respective identifications are true. This has placed the Coroner, Dr. Wynn Westcott, in a dilemma, as he says that he cannot refuse to issue an amended certificate to either party having made such a declaration. In order to get out of the difficulty, the Coroner has issued two certificates, one in the name of Smith and the other in the name of Faulkner, but has notified the local registrar of the circumstances of the case, and has left it to the Registrar-General to decide which shall be accepted.

SOUTHEND DISASTER.

THE PIER CUT IN TWO BY A DRIFTING HULK.

The gale which was experienced in various parts of the country in the early part of the week wrought considerable havoc round the coast. During the gale Southend pier—the longest in England, having a length of 1½ miles—was cut in two by the Thames Conservancy hulk Marlborough. The vessel broke away from her moorings and crashed into the pier, carrying away decking, girders, and uprights, and leaving a gap in the pier 30 yards wide. The hulk, with two men on board, drifted out to sea. She was tossed about by the waves for several hours, but was ultimately picked up by a tug and towed to Shoeburyness. Later in the same day another small vessel came into collision with another portion of the pier. She broke some of the pier supports and sank. The total damage done to the structure is estimated at about £1,500.

VIEW OF THE DAMAGED PIER, SHOWING THE GAP AND WRECKAGE.
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PRIZES FOR LONG SERVICE.

In connection with the Reckenford, Templeton, Cruwys Morchard, and Withleigh ploughing matches, prizes were given to the labourers who had been the longest period with one master. The first prize was given to Jas. Bristol, who has been in the employ of Mr. Wm. Lake, C.C., of Cruwys Morchard, for 33 years, and the second prize was awarded to Thos. Ash, whose length of service in the same parish for Mr. R. C. Lake extends over 23 years. Several other men in the same district have been on the same farm for 20 years.

CORNISH J.P.'S DEATH.

At Truro the death occurred of Mr. E. S. Carne Wilson, J.P., aged 78. Mr. Wilson, who was for 40 years chairman of the West Powder magistrates, was one of the initiators of the movement for the proposed national harbour of refuge on the north coast of Cornwall. He was a partner in the firm of Williams, Williams, and Co., formerly bankers of Truro, and took a great interest in the erection of Truro Cathedral.

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DORANDO WINS.

AMERICAN BEATEN IN MARATHON RACE.

Dorando has had his revenge on Hayes, the winner of the Marathon race at the London Stadium, by beating him in one of the greatest races ever run in the United States. The distance run was 26 miles 385 yards. When the two men entered the arena in Madison-square Garden the building was packed with spectators. High premiums had been paid for seats, and several thousands of Italians were present to support their national champion. Both runners appeared to be in perfect condition, and a roar of cheering went up when they took their places on the mark. Bow Croker fired the pistol, and the runners started at a fine pace. Dorando took the lead, which for some time was not challenged by the American. Hayes, however, hung closely on the heels of Dorando. Time after time the judges' stand was passed without change in the position of the two men. Then Hayes sprinted in front, and the American spectators raised a loud cheer as he forged ahead.

DORANDO PIETRI, THE VICTOR.
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A Brief Advantage.

The advantage, however, was brief. Dorando slipped quickly in front again, and settled down to a slightly accelerated pace. Several times the American runner changed the position, but he never gained an advantage, and it was seen as the race progressed that he was wearing down while Dorando was still running with a light step and his elbows well down. There was the wildest excitement as the race neared the close. The garden was a perfect pandemonium. A continuous roar of cheering encouraged the men as they continued their jog trot round the arena. Hayes was failing, but he made a desperate spurt when he entered the last mile, and again passed Dorando. Then the Italian made his final effort. He gained on Hayes inch by inch, passed him amid a thunder of cheering, and broke the tape far ahead of his rival. The scene was indescribable. The Italian spectators burst into the arena, surrounded Dorando, seized him, and carried him shoulder high. He had finished the race in 2hr. 44min. 20 2-5sec., while Hayes's time was 2hr. 45min. 3 1-5sec. All the newspapers agree that Dorando

Won the Race on Merit,

and that it was the finest exhibition of stamina that has been seen in America for many years. Dorando was Hayes's master from start to finish, and there is no attempt to minimise his victory. He made the following statement to an interviewer after the race:—"I never felt the least doubt of my ability to win. I was always running with plenty of reserve strength, and could have continued running after the race was ended. Hayes's occasional efforts to wrest the lead from me did not bother me at all. I was able to keep full control of myself except towards the end of the race, when the frantic cheers of the spectators somewhat dazed me. Also, I did not make my final spurt quite as soon as I intended. I finished fresh and strong, and I feel as good physically as before the race. I am more convinced than ever I should have won the Olympic Marathon." Hayes says he is not convinced that Dorando is the better man, and wants another race. Preliminary plans are in progress for another contest between Dorando, Hayes, and the Indian, Longboat.

RIOTING IN IRELAND.

At Clonmel, yesterday, some 13 men, mostly of the labouring class, were returned for trial to Cork Assizes on a charge of rioting in the streets of Cashel. Three of the prisoners had their heads bandaged, and two others implicated are in hospital suffering from baton strokes.

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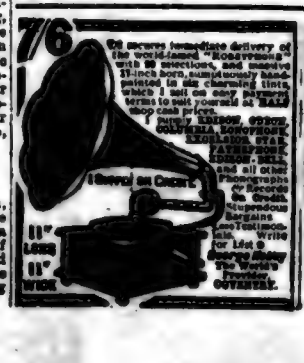

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DIVORCE COURT STORIES.

"A PACK OF LIES."

DISGRACEFUL PLOT TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE.

INDUCING MISCONDUCT.

The story of an extraordinary plot to secure a divorce was unfolded in a case in which the King's Proctor intervened. Last January Mrs. Martha Thompson was granted a decree on the grounds of her husband's cruelty and adultery. Since then facts have come to light which resulted in the judge being asked to rescind the order, it being alleged that persons acting on behalf of Mrs. Thompson had, in order to obtain evidence in support of the petition, procured Mr. Thompson to misconduct himself in Glasgow.—In opening the case, Mr. C. F. Gill, who appeared for the King's Proctor, said that petitioner had left the country, and that the solicitor who had acted for her in the suit, Mr. Wm. Hy. Abdullah Quilliam, who had had a considerable practice in Liverpool, had also left England. The latter, it was said, had employed a man named Evans, a clerk in his office, and the latter had made friends with Thompson, and on May 29 of last year took him to public-houses in Glasgow.—Relating what took place on May 29, Mr. Gill said that Evans, after inducing the respondent to come out with him to see "a very pretty French girl," went away to have communication with somebody, apparently by telegram. He and Thompson then visited several public houses, and while walking down a street they met a woman named Susie Burns. Evans spoke to her, and asked her to go to a public house with them. Subsequently Mr. Thompson misconducted himself. Then something was said about respondent getting the girl a situation, and at Evans's suggestion he wrote his name and address on paper and gave it to Burns. Evans afterwards got possession of the document, and it was produced before the President in the divorce proceedings.

Mr. Thompson's Evidence.

Enoch Thompson, respondent, said that he was married in 1899. In 1901 he was summoned by his wife, and Mr. Quilliam appeared for her. Witness was engaged as steward of a steamship called The Pretorian, and he arrived at Glasgow on May 29. On the following day, while he was waiting to sign on again, someone tapped him on the shoulder, and said, "Hallo, Hickey! How are you?" Witness replied that he did not know him, and Evans said, "You ought to know Tom Morris," and went on to narrate that they were boys together. Evans accompanied him to the theatre that night, and afterwards took him to various public-houses, where they had a large number of drinks, for all of which Evans paid.—Jas. Wm. Burns, the husband of the woman Susie Burns, spoke to coming on the scene when Evans, who called himself "Tom Roberts," and Thompson were in the house together. Evans whispered to him that there was "money in it."—Mr. Gill, K.C. (for the King's Proctor): Do you remember July 1 following when you came out of prison?—Witness: Yes.—Did you see "Roberts" or Evans that day? Yes; he came up to me and said his wife and her father wanted to see me and my wife.—Witness afterwards identified the persons as Evans, Mrs. Thompson, and Dr. Quilliam. It was at the meeting referred to that Susie Burns signed a statement of Thompson's misconduct. When he came into his house, added witness, and saw his wife, Thompson, and Evans there together, the latter seemed "pretty sober," while Thompson was the worse for drink.—A barman named Cowen said Evans once told him the woman (Mrs. Thompson) wanted to get "shut" of her husband, as she was going to have a man who could drive her about in a motor-car. Subsequently witness went to Dr. Quilliam's office in Liverpool and signed a statement.

Judge's Decision.

In giving judgment his lordship said he had no doubt about the case at all. Mrs. Thompson employed Dr. Quilliam to try and work up a case to enable her to get a divorce. It was clear, too, continued his lordship, that Dr. Quilliam employed Evans to find out all he could for the purpose of enabling Mrs. Thompson to get a divorce. In the course of that employment Evans adopted the name of Roberts, and having supplied Thompson with drink, connived at his misconducting himself. But the case did not rest there, said his lordship, because there were statements written out by Dr. Quilliam himself, signed by the witness in his presence, which contained a whole pack of lies which must have been composed by Dr. Quilliam himself, and put before the Court for the purpose of concealing the real truth of this case. But there was not only the collusion and the connivance. There was also the absolutely false statements put before the Court with a view to inducing the Court to believe that Thompson, when he was on shore leave in Glasgow, misconducted himself with various women. The whole story was concocted by Dr. Quilliam, and one put forward for the express purpose of deceiving and prejudicing the Court in favour of petitioner. The decree could not stand (continued his lordship), so the wife's petition would be dismissed. On the question of costs Dr. Quilliam would be condemned in the costs of the whole proceedings.

DOCTOR'S CRUELTY.

Medical Man's Misconduct with a Servant.

Mrs. Sarah Mabel Drummond sought a divorce on account of the cruelty and misconduct of her husband, Dr. Jno. Drummond, residing in Liverpool. The suit was undefended. Mr. Willis said that the married life of the parties had been unhappy from the first. The husband was addicted to drugs. A deed of separation was entered into on March 13, 1907.—In the course of her evidence, Mrs. Drummond stated that her husband had thrashed her, and that she had complained to her mother. His conduct was so bad on one occasion that the servants called in the police, and Dr. Drummond was taken to the station, but Mrs. Drummond then would not prefer a charge against him.—It subsequently appeared that the doctor had misconducted himself with a servant named Isabel Mumbeeson, at his residence, Radnor-place. A witness said that sometimes Mumbeeson slept in the surgery and at other times used to go into the doctor's room.—A decree nisi, with costs, was pronounced, and the custody of the children given to petitioner.

WIFE'S DRINK BILL.

CURIOUS ADMISSIONS IN A PAWNBROKER'S SUIT.

Mr. Arthur Wood, a pawnbroker and house furniture dealer, of Ashton-under-Lyne, petitioned to have the marriage dissolved by reason of the alleged adultery of his wife (Beatrice Matilda) with Mr. William Henry Perry, an ironworker living at Smethwick. Respondent counter-charged her husband with cruelty.—The marriage took place in 1898 at Stafford. After a time, counsel stated, respondent took to drink, and "developed a tendency to be extravagant." She became violent and neglected her home. Her drinking habits increased so much that he proposed she should go into a home. Eventually she went to stay with her mother at Stalybridge, and while she was away petitioner, to his surprise, received an account from a publican at Stalybridge disclosing items as to liquor supplied to Mrs. Wood. He forwarded the account to her, and in reply she wrote that she certainly thought the drink bill could have been avoided.

A Separation.

She promised amendment, and returned to her husband, but unfortunately the old habits asserted themselves. She took to drinking again, and became violent and uncontrollable, and in January, 1907, they separated under a deed, he allowing her 15s. a week. She went to live at Crewe, and ultimately to Smethwick, where the alleged adultery was committed. Co-respondent had not entered an application or put in an answer.—Petitioner was called, and denied that he was ever cruel to his wife. He had never struck her, or turned her out into the street, as alleged. He never struck her a blow in the face or knocked her down.

The Husband Cross-Examined.

—In cross-examination by Mr. Willock (for respondent), he said he had used an abusive word regarding his wife, and said she would be better dead than drinking. He denied that he had tied his wife's hands together with a rope and left her in the room with them tied, or that he had kicked her. He had written that he wanted proof positive of his wife's adultery, and that he wanted the full name and address of the man, and that "a suitable reward" would be offered on information supplied. Questioned as to that matter, he said he did not want to "buy" any man, but to pay his wages.

In Strict Confidence.

—Perry (the co-respondent) is here? Yes.—And are you going to pay his wages? Yes, for the time he will lose. —I understand he is going to give evidence against my client. What "suitable reward" will he get? Nothing beyond what I have told you.—You write, "All information given by any person will not be exposed to the public, and will be kept strictly confidential, without anyone's name and address being known"? It was difficult for a man to come forward and say he had committed adultery with my wife.—Adjourned.

SCOTTISH SUITS.

Heir to a Peerage Cited as a Co-respondent.

The pending counter-actions for divorce between Mr. John Alexander Stirling, of Perthshire, late lieutenant in the 3rd Battalion Scots Guards, and his wife, Mrs. Clara Elizabeth Taylor, or Stirling, formerly an actress in the musical comedy, "The Earl and the Girl," came again before the Court of Session, Edinburgh, to settle the question of the order in which the petitions should be heard. — Counsel for Mr. Stirling incidentally mentioned that his client had placed on the record that on Aug. 30 Mrs. Stirling unexpectedly called on him and confessed that she had been

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with Viscount Northland (eldest son of the Earl of Ranfurly, and who was formerly a lieutenant in the Coldstream Guards). She asked Mr. Stirling to postpone legal proceedings pending certain financial arrangements in which Lord Northland was interested in connection with the Irish Land Purchase Act, as these arrangements would be stopped if the action were brought at once. — Mrs. Stirling's counsel said that in reference to her allegations against her husband extensive inquiries would have to be made in London, Paris, the Isle of Wight, and Maidenhead. —From further statements made during the arguments, it appeared that Mr. Stirling had been carrying on business in London as a stockbroker.

DEBTS WITH DRESSMAKERS.

Mrs. Stirling, he said, had contracted debts with dressmakers both in England and Paris, and accounts amounting to £1,900 had been sent to him which he had had to meet. She had been receiving from him an allowance of £12 10s. a week, which he suggested should now be reduced to five guineas. —Lord Guthrie said that there was something on both sides which he did not understand. In these circumstances he must take the case first that was brought first—namely, Mrs. Stirling's action. — His lordship allowed Mrs. Stirling £75 and expenses in the action brought by her, and £25 in her husband's counter-action, and ailment at the rate of £500 per annum.

THE LODGER AGAIN.

WHAT AN ERRING WIFE TOLD HER HUSBAND.

Justice Bargrave Deane had before him the undefended petition of Mr. Vivian Abbott Johnson, of Upper Valley-road, Meersbrook, Sheffield, bookkeeper, for the dissolution of the marriage by reason of the adultery of his wife, Annie Florence, with Michael Lancelot Neal Shutte, who, it was stated, committed suicide on July 16, 1908, and whose name has, in consequence, been struck out of the suit.—Mr. J. A. Slater, who appeared for petitioner, said that the marriage took place on Oct. 29, 1898, at All Saints' Church, Sheffield, and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson afterwards lived together at various places in Sheffield. There were two children of the marriage—two sons. In 1904 differences occurred between husband and wife, and she expressed a wish to have the opportunity of earning her own living by carrying on a lodging-house at Douglas, Isle of Man. She went to live in Harwarden-avenue, and ultimately at Victoria-avenue. Her husband used to go over to the Isle of Man two or three times a year, and stayed at the same house as his wife, but occupied a separate room.

An On-and-Off Lodger.

At Easter, 1907, he went to Douglas, and then for the first time he met Mr. Shutte, who was introduced by the wife as a gentleman who on and off lodged with her when not engaged in ocean-going boats. At Easter, 1908, the husband was again in Douglas, and his wife's condition made him suspicious that all was not well. The wife told him she suffered from dropsy. He had to return to Sheffield on business. When he again saw her she said that she had been to Liverpool, where she had been treated. She told him that Mr. Shutte's brother's wife had died in giving birth to a child, and that she had agreed to adopt it. As the result of inquiries which were made it appeared that Shutte committed suicide under very distressing and tragic circumstances directly after he was served with the divorce papers in the case.

The Husband's Evidence.

—Petitioner deposed as to the Sheffield marriage and of his wife subsequently going to reside at Douglas, where she carried on a boarding-house. He provided funds for the house and allowed his wife £1 a week. From May, 1904, he had never cohabited with her. He never had any reason to suspect her of being unfaithful.—Mrs. Annie Eliza Wright, of Liverpool, said that she was at Douglas when Mrs. Johnson was staying there. Mr. Shutte used to come to the house. About the middle of July, 1907, Mrs. Johnson left for Liverpool. She returned in a few days with Mr. Shutte, and later on she told witness that they had got married. At Victoria-avenue, Douglas, Mr. Shutte and Mrs. Johnson were living together as man and wife.—His lordship granted petitioner a decree nisi, with custody of the children of the marriage.

FAITHLESS WIFE.

A DISCOVERY IN A CANNES HOTEL.

Dr. Francis Vincent Deane, of Brook-green, London, W., asked for a divorce from his wife, Alice Mary, on the ground of her misconduct with a Mr. McManus.—Mr. Barnard appeared for petitioner and Mr. Gill, K.C., for respondent.—The marriage, said Mr. Barnard, took place at the Registrar's Office, St. George's, Hanover-square, in March, 1899, and for several years the parties lived happily, there being one child of the marriage. In April, 1901, Dr. Deane was called in to attend Mrs. McManus, the wife of an iron-plate manufacturer. Both families resided in Brook-green, and a friendship sprang up between them. They went to dances together, and on one occasion took their holiday together. In 1907 Mrs. McManus complained to Dr. Deane of his wife's intimacy with her husband, and Dr. Deane spoke about this to Mrs. Deane. She ridiculed the suggestion, and said "I only like Mr. McManus as a friend and I care for you more than for anybody else in the world." Dr. Deane, however, spoke to Mr. McManus, and the latter said he was exaggerating the affair.

An Afternoon Walk.

The doctor knew Mrs. McManus was a jealous woman, and had no idea that anything was wrong, and friendly relations were resumed. In February of the present year, however, Dr. Deane learned that Mrs. McManus was still spreading reports as to intimacy between Mr. McManus and Mrs. Deane, and, having heard that the two had been met while walking together in the afternoon, he determined that the friendship must cease. He spoke to Mr. McManus, who said that if the doctor wished he would not visit his house, but if he met Mrs. Deane in the street he would not refuse to speak to her. Dr Deane said he could not watch them all day long, and was obliged to leave the matter in that way.

A Week at Brighton.

Eventually Dr. Deane took his wife to Brighton to get her away from the neighbourhood, and stayed a week with her. She tried to induce him to change his mind, and to allow the friendship with McManus to be resumed. Dr. Deane next met his wife's mother to be with her, but in April he received information which caused him to go with his solicitor to Cannes, where he found his wife and McManus staying at the same hotel, and occupying rooms which communicated with each other. Mrs. Deane was then served with divorce papers. Inquiries also showed that the two had stayed together in March at the Grand Hotel, Folkestone.—Mr. Gill said he should not put his client in the witness-box. — After hearing evidence, his lordship granted a decree nisi, with costs, and custody of the child.

In our report of the Warren v. Warren suit it was erroneously stated that the respondent lived in Ravenscourt-mansions, Ravenscourt Park, whereas this was the address of the petitioner.

PEERAGE ROMANCE.

DANCER'S SON CLAIMS ESTATES.

A SPANISH MARRIAGE.

Few stories which have been unfolded in a court of law surpass in interest that related in the Chancery Division when Justice Eve heard an application by Ernest Henri Jean Baptiste West, claimant to the Sackville peerage and estates, to have a receiver and manager of the settled estates appointed pending the decision of the case in the Probate Court in which plaintiff's legitimacy is the issue. The case centres round the following:—

The late Baron Sackville. Died in September last, aged 81, having spent 41 years in the Diplomatic service.

Mr. Ernest Henry Jean Baptiste West: Claims to succeed the late baron in the peerage and the family estates, alleging that he was a legitimate son of Lord Sackville by a secret marriage.

Josephine Duran de Ortega: Claimant's mother, now dead. A beautiful Spanish dancer, alleged to have been secretly married to Lord Sackville.

Mr. Edward Lionel Sackville West: Son of the late Lord Sackville's younger brother, aged 41, major in the West Kent Imperial Yeomanry; formerly regarded as the heir-presumptive; defendant in the proceedings.

Knole House, Kent: The Sackville home, one of England's oldest and most famous mansions, full of art treasures, with a park of 1,000 acres.

The main object of the application (said Mr. P. Ogden Lawrence, K.C.) was that the rents might be kept safe and the tenants might not

The late Hon. Mrs. Sackville-West, wife of the late Lord Sackville of Knole. (From a painting.)

(Photo, Lafayette.

have to pay twice in case of claimant's success in the other action.—Justice Eve: Who is in possession now?—Mr. Lawrence: When Lord Sackville died, his nephew, a son of Lord Sackville's younger brother, Col. Edwd. Sackville-West, was living with him, and the nephew, who claims to be the person entered in title, is the first defendant here.

Who Will Succeed?

If the claimant were found to be illegitimate, the nephew would succeed. Since Lord Sackville's death the nephew and his wife, who was the other claimant's sister, had left the mansion House of Knole, and the whole of the rents and property were being managed by Mr. Glasier, who was agent for the late Lord Sackville. Mr. Lawrence said he had declined a conditional offer made on behalf of the trustees with regard to the keeping of an account of income, because he wanted a jury to try the question of legitimacy. Mr. Lawrence then entered upon a statement of the facts of the case. His client, he said, was the fifth son of Lord De La Warr, who was at that time First Secretary to the British Embassy at Paris. The mother was Josephine Duran de Ortega Sackville West. Claimant's parents were then, and had been for some years, living in Paris with a seaside residence at Arcachon.

A Royal Sponsor.

A certificate of claimant's birth, signed by his father, was read, and afterwards a certificate of his baptism, which took place on July 11,

MR. E. H. WEST. (Claimant to the Peerage.)

(Photo, Lafayette.

the sponsors being the Duke of Saxe-Coburg Gotha and the Comtesse de Bees. The baptismal certificate described the parents as the Hon. L. Sackville West, and Josefa, born de Ortega, and gave the claimant as grandson on the paternal side of Count De La Warr, Baron West, and Countess De La Warr, Baroness Buckhurst, formerly Sackville, and on the maternal side of Duran and Dona Cataline Ortega.—Mr. Lawrence said he would not comment on the fact that such a near relative of Queen Victoria was godfather to the boy, further than to say that it was at all events very strong evidence of reputation of marriage. Plaintiff, said Mr. Lawrence, did not wish to create scenes. He desired to have the title tried in a proper and legitimate way. Prima-facie, he was the legitimate son. It would take a very strong case to set the claim aside. There were two main points raised against plaintiff's title. The first was that Lord Sackville himself from 1861 and for 10 years afterwards had declared over and over again that he had no legitimate children. That, however, would be a matter to be very seriously tried when the action itself came before a jury, although for some reason or other Lord Sackville himself had in documents under his own hand declared he had no legitimate children. The next point was that his (Mr. Lawrence's) client, when he was in South Africa in 1886, was told by someone, and believed, that he was illegitimate. In fact, he wrote to his sister on the day of her marriage to say that he and she were illegitimate.

Another Marriage.

Mr. Lawrence, continuing, said another main point made against his client was that his mother was married to a Spaniard in January, 1851, and that her husband was alive at the date of the suggested marriage with Lord Lionel Sackville. The age of plaintiff's mother at the time of marriage was given as 33. Plaintiff's answer was that no such marriage took place. The certificates given were clean certificates, but when they went to examine the entry itself, they found that the names of the parties were written over erasures. It was evident that someone else's names had been there before. Before 1863 plaintiff's father and Josephine were undoubtedly living together without having been married, and during that time they had several children, who were undoubtedly illegitimate. Max, the eldest of these, was born in 1858, and was registered as the child of the lady—father "unknown." Josephine Victoria was born in Paris in September, 1862. The children were born before the mother was acknowledged to be the wife of plaintiff's father. In June, 1864, came the next development. In that month Mr. Lionel Sackville-West was appointed an attaché of the Embassy at Madrid, and a child was born in 1865, named Eliza, who died almost immediately after birth.

Remarkable Facts.

There now, said counsel, came some very remarkable facts. On Nov. 11, 1866, Flora, another daughter, was born, and on Nov. 12 she was presented and registered as the child of parents not named. That was in France. The information in this certificate seemed to have been given by the midwife, and not by the father, who was away at the time. That coming to the knowledge of the father, he obtained a declaration of the legitimacy of the child, which was signed by him. This was the first time they publicly acknowledged the marriage, and the case of plaintiff was that between 1863 and 1867, at a date and place unknown, the two were married. From that date there was no doubt they were received and acknowledged in Society as husband and wife. After the death of the wife, plaintiff's father wrote to his friend, Col. Fitzholts, saying:—

I have to announce to you sad news in the death of my poor wife. Unfortunately, I was not in Paris at the time. I was away on political business, and had not the consolation of receiving her last sighs.

It was quite clear that from 1867 to 1881 the late Lord Sackville did all he could to recognise his wife and children as legitimate. It had been done over and over again where no absolute evidence was forthcoming.—His Lordship said he could not express any opinion on the merits of the case to be tried; he did not think a case for appointment of receiver had been made out, and refused the application.

A WIFE'S TRIALS.

SORDID STORY TOLD IN A POLICE COURT.

At Wonford Petty Sessions Helena Elizabeth Lucas applied for an order of separation from her husband, Wm. Hy. Lucas, auctioneer's porter, of Crediton, on the ground of desertion. —Mr. C. Crompton appeared for applicant, and said it was an exceedingly sad and sordid story. The wife was 22, but defendant was considerably older. They were married at a registry office at Crediton on July 27, 1907. The very first week after they were married he so ill-treated her that she had to leave him. Some days after that a woman called, Bessie James, with whom defendant had lived previous to the marriage, went to reside at the house with Lucas. His wife objected, with the result that he left her short of food. Never during the whole of their married life had he given her any money. She left him. She went back again, but in January, 1908, she

HAD TO LEAVE HIM AGAIN.

and a summons was issued against him at Crediton, but the magistrates there, having regard to their having been so recently married, thought best to dismiss it. Shortly afterwards applicant came to Heavitree to live with her mother, who kept a lodger. One of the points in the case was that she had misconducted herself with this lodger. After a time her husband asked her to come back again, and things went on better for a time until Bessie James appeared upon the scene again, and lived in the house once more. Applicant objected to this, and defendant told her to get out, and said if she came back again he would break her neck, or words to that effect. — After a long hearing, the magistrates said if there had been adultery it had been condoned. The order was made, the wife to receive 5s. a week.

COLLISION OFF DOVER.

A serious collision took place off Dover between the New Zealand liner Tongariro, from London to New Zealand, with passengers, and the Liverpool steamer Drumlanrig, from Buenos Ayres for Hamburg. The latter received serious damage, a big rent being torn in her port quarter, while the liner was considerably damaged in her bows. The Drumlanrig made for Dover, and, in making the harbour, fouled the ketch Britannia, carrying away her anchor and doing other damage. She was run ashore in harbour to prevent sinking. The Tongariro, with her bows extensively damaged, had also to put into Dover.

JEWS IN PARLIAMENT.

The Jewish Historical Society of England is about to celebrate by means of a dinner the 50th year of the admission of Jews into Parliament. The Rev. S. Levy, M.A., president of the society, will take the chair, and a large attendance of Jewish M.P.s is expected. Among those who have accepted invitations to be present is Mr. Herbert Samuel, Under-Secretary at the Home Office.

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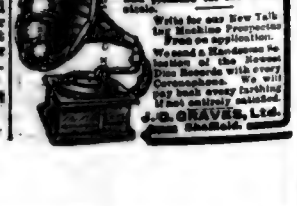

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Saturday Evening.

QUIET BUT FIRM.

The best that can be said about the Stock markets is that they are quiet, but firm. The political outlook was regarded more hopefully this morning, and this was reflected in the better tone in the principal sections, but business was on a restricted scale with no approach to exuberance, even in the American market, where there has been most excitement of late. Among gilt-edged securities there is hardly anything doing, and consols have been whittled down day after day, until they have reached the figure—84. They are no better than that; and the Irish Loan keeps fairly steady round about 87. The only feature worth noting to-day is Hudson's Bays. As is well known these have had a heavy slump, falling early in the week to 69; but this morning they fluctuated considerably, opening strong at 73, which was an improvement of 1½ on last night's closing, then receding to 72½, and finally finishing up at 74—a gain of 2. I consider the attack on these shares has been rather overdone, and that at the present price Hudson's Bays are a good investment.

IRISH LAND FINANCE.

The published text of the Irish Land Bill explains much that Mr. Birrell lamentably muddled in giving his summary of the financial clauses. It is perfectly clear from the second clause that all future issues of Irish land stock may be made on 2½ or 3 per cents., as the Treasury thinks fit. By clause 4 any money which may be raised under the Land Purchase Acts may be borrowed temporarily "by the issue of bills or bonds in such form and for such period not exceeding seven years, and bearing such rate of interest not exceeding 3 per cent., as the Treasury may determine." The City appreciates the provision for temporary borrowing at times when the Money Market may be in a condition to take up bills, though an issue of stock could not be made advantageously.

RANDFONTEIN EXTENSIONS.

From the speech of the Hon. A. Stanhope at the recent meeting I should say that the prospects of this company have considerably improved of late. It is now interested in 1,600 claims, and the option given to a Continental banking firm to purchase at a premium the 29,510 unissued shares is stated to have been partially exercised. The 86 claims situated in the Randfontein district are, it appears, to be equipped with a reduction plant and worked as a separate undertaking. The 100 claims on the far eastern extension of the Rand have good possibilities. In the Rustenberg district the company is interested in a large copper deposit, the outcome of which has been opened up for 6,000 feet. The average width is reported to be 70 feet, with an average value of 8 per cent. copper.

VARIETY THEATRES REPORT.

Messrs. Gros and Tower are to be congratulated on the good work they have done for shareholders in the Variety Theatres Consolidated during the past year. Gross earnings were £16,000, and although additional expenses reduced the net profit by £2,100 to £11,000 the Board still finds itself easily able to continue the dividend at the rate of 7 per cent. Where expert management can be counted upon it is clear that music-hall enterprises, in spite of the keenness of competition, finds no difficulty in giving a good account of themselves.

THE LANCEFIELD ALLOTMENT.

The new Lancefield preference shares have been largely oversubscribed, I believe. The allotment has been made. A cable has been despatched to Kalgoorlie instructing the company's general managers to complete as rapidly as possible the reorganisation of the company's treatment plant. A point of some consequence is that Mr. C. Algernon Wareing, whose name will only be found in association with the directorates of companies of the first importance, has now joined the Lancefield Board. The demand of those to whom it was found impossible to allot preference shares, is likely to have some effect on the market and the price.

TO-DAY'S DIVIDEND.

Apparently the Santa Fé Land Co. is still growing in prosperity, as its dividend for the year ended June 30 last is 10 per cent., compared with 8 per cent. for the preceding 12 months. John Brown and Co. announce an interim dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on the ordinary shares, while a 15th dividend of 2s. per share is to be distributed by the Tomboy Gold Mines. The interim dividend on the ordinary shares of Edwd. and John Burke is at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum; Offiter's Brewery ordinary shareholders are to have a distribution at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, and the directors of Callard, Stewart and Watt recommend a dividend of 5 per cent. for the year ended 3rd prox. For the year to June 30 last the Interoceanic Railway of Mexico (Acapulco to Vera Cruz) made a net profit of £235,401 (an increase of £40,597) and a dividend of 4¼ per cent. on the First Preference Stock is proposed. An interim dividend of 2½ per cent., being at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, is to be paid on the "A" and "B" shares of the Tredegar Iron and Coal Co. for the half year to Sept. 19.

MISCELLANEOUS.

At the Bullion Office of the Bank of England to-day the sum of £150,000 in sovereigns was taken out for Egypt. The market for bar silver was weak again to-day on speculative selling. The quotation, both for spot business and forward delivery, has fallen a further 9-16 to 23 9-16d. per ounce. The amount falling due in the way of calls in December is nearly double that for the corresponding month last year, the respective totals being £12,188,278 and £6,938,743. By far the largest sum is under the head of Government and Corporation stocks, which figure for £7,230,400. An issue of £2,000,000 5 per cent. debentures to bearer is being made by the South African Gold Mines (Ltd.) at par. The issue has been guaranteed by Mr. Abe Bailey.

THE LORDS AND THE BILL.

The Lords' rejection of the Licensing Bill had an electrical effect on brewery stocks, some of which have within the past two or three days appreciated very considerably in value. For some time brewery stocks have been at a very low ebb; but now we are likely to see more activity in this department. A great many stocks have advanced from one point to as much as three points, the latter gain being recorded by Charrington's Debentures.

INSURANCE AS INVESTMENT.

It does not occur to the majority of people that life insurance with a good office is really one of the best forms of investment. I do not mean ordinary life assurance, but endowment, and particularly the double endowment insurance of which one or two first-class offices make a special feature. This is not only a very good investment, but it combines, of course, a substantial assurance in the event of early death. The scheme seems to me particularly worth the attention of healthy young lives of both sexes who are not able to save much out of their incomes, and for whose savings there would be great difficulty in finding an investment to yield a good return. Some of my correspondents write me that they send so much a month or so much a quarter to savings societies, of which, I am afraid, they do not know very much. It would be a much better plan to devote the money to the payment of premiums on an endowment policy with a good and well-known office.

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STOCK MARKET.

City, Saturday.

Consols dull. Foreign Government Securities dull. Home Rails weak. Americans good in tone. Canadians inactive. Kaffirs irregular. West Africans quiet. West Australians steady. Miscellaneous inactive. Closing prices:—Consols, 83⅞ ⅛; Do. Account, 84⅛ ⅛; Two-and-a-Half p.c., 82¾ ⅛.

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Do. Def. ...	92½	Barnsley	67½
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Den.&RioG	33⅞	Penn'sylvna	62
Do. Pref. ...	79⅝	Ph.&Read.	17
Erie	24⅝	Southern.	23⅝
Do. Pref. ...	41	Do. Pref. ...	59
IllinoisCen	130	UnionPac.	182⅝
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Do. 6's Gtd.	123	Do.4'sGtd.	80⅞
CanadnPac	193⅝	KiosnCrd.	92⅝
Do. 4 p.C.	93	Mexican R.	19
Do. 1st Pref.	111	Nitrate R.	8⅞
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Do. Def. ...	35⅝		

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Con. Gldfs.	4⅜	Do. Deep ...	4/0
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De Beers ...	13⅝	Ran'd'n'n	1/0
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Do. Min. R.	1⅜	Rhod'nKr.	2
Ferreira ...	1⅜	Robinson.	3/10
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Do. Deep ...	4⅜	Salis'b'ry Bls.	12/0
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St. H. Prop	3⅜	S. TimbCo.	1⅜
Champs. R.	3/0	Tharsis ...	1⅜
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A.-Am.Ord.	3⅜	and Co.	5⅜
Do. Def. ...	11⅜	Nelson (J.)	
Do. Pref....	10⅜	Son Ord.	21/0
Brit.Coalite	14/0	U.K. Steel.	
Coats. Ord.	3⅜	Ord	3⅜
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From GEO. M. & Co., GENERAL MERCHANTS, LONDON.

TO THE ADVT. MANAGER, "THE PEOPLE."

DEAR SIR,

Before commencing advertising with you this season we think it only right to let you know that we found "The People" far and away the best advertising medium, and our advertisements appeared practically in the whole of the London Sunday Papers. Only last week we received three orders from South Africa for Phonographs, and we have also received orders from the far away places as Yokio, Sierra Leone and Demarara. Of course we were offering unusually good value for money, but at the same time, our success speaks volumes as to the circulation of "The People."—Yours truly,

GEO. M. & Co.

[This striking Testimonial to the splendid value of "The People" as an advertising medium was quite voluntary. The original can be seen.]

PERSONAL.

BLOW North or East, then wisher winds. My Chris are safe, all thanks to Hinde's.

DEATH.

HIBBOCK.—On November 27th, after a short illness, at 181, Hagherstone, Regnelow, THOMAS HIBBOCK, aged 67. Funeral, Isleworth Cemetery, Wednesday, 2 p.m.

PERSONAL.

MOODY.

INTELLIGENCE wanted of the Mother and Sisters of the late FRANK ROBERT MOODY (who died at Adelaide, South Australia, last November). His Executors have power to act. Reply to Messrs. HARRY, BOWEN, STANNERS and CO., Solicitors, 28, Moorgate-street, London, E.C.

HEALTHY HOMES AND HOW TO GET THEM.

THE MARBLE MOSAIC COUNCIL on the Royal Terrazzo Floor is unrivalled for the combination of Marble Dust in remodelling the monolithic composition of Cement, sand and Granite. Guarantees made; supply contemplated.

All communications will be regarded as confidential, and should be sent to the SECY. SECRETARY, 31, Royal Exchange Buildings, E.C. Room, E.C.

Address of house as to which complaints is made must be accurately given.

ROYAL SCHOOL for DEAF CHILDREN,

Formerly known as

Royal Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb Poor, Margate.

Founded in 1792 in Old Kent-road, London.

Children admitted from 7 to 10 years of age.

Limited Letters of introduction given to Parents.

FULL PARTICULARS and Forms of Application can be had of the undersigned.

FREDERIC H. MADDEN, Secretary.

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LEGAL AID FREE

IN WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION, Accident and other cases.—GENERAL ACCIDENT ASSOCIATION, 11, Argyll-pl., Oxford Circus, W. Enc. stamp

LEGAL ADVICE AND AID FREE.

THE National Legal Aid Society ADVISES and ASSISTS Free of Charge in DIVORCE, AGENTS, &c. Injured persons in Compensation Cases are paid amount recovered WITHOUT DEDUCTIONS. Call or write to S. ALN. Secretary, 1, Great James-st., Thavies-in-rd., London, W.C.

ORDER EARLY.

The Investors' Summary will be sent direct from the Publishers for twelve months, post free, for Three Shillings; six months, One Shilling and Sixpence. A copy of the December issue can be obtained on receipt of Three Penny Stamps. Address to THE PUBLISHERS, INVESTORS' SUMMARY, MILDMAY CHMBRS., BISHOPSGATE WITHIN, LONDON, E.C.

OFFICIAL NOTICES.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE.

PROBATE, DIVORCE AND ADMIRALTY DIVISION (DIVORCE).

TO JOHN JAMES WRIGHT (otherwise JAMES WRIGHT CHUDLEY), late of 82, Clare-road, Harrow-road, Paddington, in the County of London.

TAKE NOTICE that a Citation has been issued in this Division citing you to appear and answer the Petition of ARTHUR JAMES CHUDLEY of 4/1, Portobello-road, Notting Hill, in the County of London, a Private in the 2nd Batt. Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, for a dissolution of marriage. In default of your so appearing you will not be allowed to address the Court, and the Court will proceed to hear the Petition proved and pronounce sentence in respect thereof. And take further notice that for the purpose aforesaid the Citation issued after the date of this publication, an appearance must be entered at the Divorce Registry, Somerset House, Strand, London.

ROBT. A. PRITCHARD, Registrar.

Solicitors for the Petitioner,
CODDE KINGDON and COPPIN,
34, Bedford Row, London, W.C.

BOROUGH OF WEYMOUTH AND MELCOMBE REGIS.

PIER, PAVILION, AND CAFE.

THE TOWN COUNCIL of the above Borough are prepared to receive OFFERS for renting from the 24th December, 1908, for the sale of light refreshments two spacious and well-appointed Buffets, also large Tea Room and Kitchen. The Corporation reserve to themselves the right of using a Small Tea Room for the occasions during each year, if required, for which the sum of £2 2s. per day will be paid the tenant on each occasion, of which due notice will be given.

The Corporation will provide necessary tables and chairs for the Buffets and Tea Rooms, the tenant to provide all necessary Mess Trays, Stalings, etc.

OFFERS to be forwarded the undersigned on or before Thursday, the 10th day of December, 1908, endorsed "Refreshments Pavilion." Tariff of prices to be enclosed with the Offer.

The Rooms may be inspected on application to the Clerk of Works at the Pavilion.

The Council do not pledge themselves to accept the highest or any Tender.

H. A. HUNTABLE, Town Clerk.

Municipal Buildings, Weymouth.
27th November, 1908.

PARISH OF ST. GEORGE-IN-THE-EAST.

CONTRACTS FOR SUPPLIES, &c.

THE GUARDIANS of the POOR of the above Parish hereby invite TENDERS for the supply of the undermentioned goods to their WORK-HOUSE and INFIRMARY, Cable-street, Commercial-road Wapping, and their SCHOOLS at Grove-street, Bow, Poplar, for TWELVE MONTHS.

Boots and Shoes.	Grindery.
Brooms and Brushes.	Grocery.
Butter.	Leather.
Clothing.	Printing.
Cut Leather.	Oilman's Goods.
Earthenware.	Stationery.
Funerals.	Uniform Suits.
Glassware.	Woollen & Linendrapery.

FOR SIX MONTHS.

Bread.
Flour.
Fish & Ice (Workhouse and Infirmary only).
Greengrocery.

FOR TWELVE MONTHS.

For the REMOVAL OF KITCHEN WASTE from the WORKHOUSE, INFIRMARY, and SCHOOLS.

Forms of TENDERS may be obtained at my Office, or will be forwarded upon receipt of a stamped addressed envelope.

TENDERS must be returned to me not later than one o'clock p.m. on Friday, the 11th Dec., 1908.

The Guardians do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

By Order,
Guardians' Office, R. MURRAY LOCHNER,
Raine-street, Clerk.
Old Gravel-lane, E.

PURSUANT

TO AN ORDER of the CHANCERY DIVISION of the HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE made in the Matter of the Estate of WILLIAM PALMER JOHNSON, Deceased, and in an Action FOSTER v. WATSON, 1907, F. No. 562, enquiries are directed in following terms, viz.:—An enquiry whether THOMAS FOSTER named in the Will of the said MARGARET ANN HOUSON, the Testatrix, in lieving of the Testatrix, who died and there are his legal personal representatives, and if he died in the lifetime of the Testatrix, whether he left any issue living at the death of the Testatrix, and if so who are his legal personal representatives, in the lifetime of the Testatrix, whether he left any issue living at the death of the Testatrix.

AND that it be referred unto THOMAS FOSTER and JOHN FOSTER mentioned in the said Will, or the persons claiming to be the next-of-kin of the said THOMAS FOSTER and JOHN FOSTER esq. by their Solicitors on or before the 30th day of April, 1909, to come in and prove their claims at the Chambers of Mr. JUSTICE BYE at No. 1003, the ROYAL COURTS OF JUSTICE, STRAND, LONDON, or in default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said Order.

Monday, the 10th day of May, 1909, at 12.30 of the clock in the afternoon, at the said Chambers, is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the said claims.

Dated this 17th day of November, 1908.

W. G. NEWLETT, Solicitor.

PERCY NOEL,
5 and 6, Clement's Inn, Strand, London, W.C.

The above-named THOMAS FOSTER and JOHN FOSTER are believed to have left England about 35 to 40 years ago for Australia.

HEARTS OF OAK BUILDING SOCIETY
(Established 1862).
Offices: 59, Chancery-lane, W.C.
LARGE FUNDS CURRENTLY TO BE ADVANCED on Mortgage.
INTEREST PAID FOR CREDIT.
Prospectus Free. E. HOWELEY, Secretary.

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MUTUAL INSURANCE SOCIETY, LIMITED.
Founded 1861.
ACCUMULATED FUNDS exceed £2,000,000.
ANNUAL INCOME OF UNDER £1,000,000.
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ANNUAL INCOME OF UNDER £1,000,000
INCOME £1,000,000
Agents Wanted. Liberal Terms.
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ESTABLISHED 1851.
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2½ PER CENT. INTEREST on Deposits repayable on demand.
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Full particulars, Pass Free.
C. F. HAYENCROFT, Secretary.

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FOUNDED 1848.

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LOANS of £50 to £5,000 granted at a few hours' notice in Town or Country, on personal security, jewellery, precious stones, stocks, shares, and furniture without removal.

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Two-and-a-Half per Cent. allowed on current Account Balances.

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BUENOS AYRES. S. American.—Party forming to leave London 8th of next month; open to male or female; terms moderate. Inquire Dep. 10, Bock early at Hetherington's, 163A, Strand, W.C.

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£5 5s to CANADA by Allan Line from London; £6 10s to AMERICA; £6 to SOUTH AFRICA; to Australia, £9; to INDIA, £9 10s to S. Africa; Australia, £5; £10 to New Zealand. Letters of introduction given to passengers.—Apply, Hetherington's, 163A, Strand, W.C.

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Splendid "Empress" Steamers (6 days' open sea) from Liverpool. For sailings, pamphlets and information as to opportunities in Canada, apply C.P. Ry. 62-65, Charing Cross, S.W.; 67, King William Street, E.C.; or Local Agents.

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FREE FARMS for all in Canada. Employment secured free of all cost to Farmers, Farm Labourers and Domestics. Government maps, pamphlets, showing work and wages free. FREE and ASSISTED passages to Australia and New Zealand. Lowest fares by all Lines to all parts of the world.

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BY THE NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD Regular Mail Steamers of 9,000 to 10,000 tons, via Suez Canal, to Sydney, December 24th.

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THE steamers of this line leave London every fortnight for Australia, calling at Plymouth, Naples and Colombo, and proceed via Suez Canal to Fremantle, Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane, sailing at the same time for New Zealand, calling at Naples and Colombo. Superior accommodation for 1st, 2nd and 3rd class passengers at moderate fares, which include victualling, bedding and cabin requisites.

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Assisted Passages for Farm Hands, £5. Domestic Servants, £3.

Application forms and all information free from any office of THOS. COOK & SON, Chief Office: Ludgate Circus, London.

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ASSISTED PASSAGES.—Domestic Servants, £3; Agriculturists, £5. Great demand and good wages. Fortnightly sailings to Queensland for Domestic Servants. Canada, Domestic Wanted. Fare £5 5s. —Apply to HEWELL and CROWTHER, 31, Cockspur-street, London, S.W.; and Branches.

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LAUNDRYMAID (HEAD) and TWO UNDER-MAIDS Wanted after Christmas, for SCHOOL LAUNDRY (Steam), 240 resident. Total of Staff, 12. Only those with good characters considered from any now living at a greater distance than 50 miles from Bedford. — Apply, Matron, Bistow School, Bedford.

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WANTED at the Shirley Schools, Wickham road, near Croydon. Salary, £20 per annum, rising to £24. With rations, lodging, washing and uniform.—Apply at once to the Head Master.

North London Truant School,
115, High-street, Walthamstow, E.

HOUSEMAID, who can do plain needlework, required. Wages £18 and all found.

Apply to the Matron.

T. F. PENN, Clerk to the Managers.

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FOR the 7th BATN. ROYAL FUSILIERS (late 6th Batn.), six months' drill from 1st December. Pay, pensions to Canada for Domestic Servants. Canada, Domestic Wanted. Fare £5 5s. —Apply to HEWELL and CROWTHER, 31, Cockspur-street, London, S.W.; and Branches.

Wanted.

FOR the QUARRY YARD TRUANT SCHOOL, Tribarris, a TAILOR and DRILL-MASTER, willing to make himself generally useful, single. Age between 25 and 30 preferred. Wages £50, rising to £55, with board, lodging and washing.—Applications to be sent to Secretary, Truant School, Queen's Yard, Gibraltar.

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WANTED, Young Woman as ATTENDANT, not under 22 years of age nor less than 5ft. 4in. in height, for the Infirmary. Wages £18, rising to £20 yearly, with board (no beer), lodging, washing, and uniform. Apply in writing, stating height, age, experience, etc., together with copies of three testimonials, to be sent to the undersigned.

GEO. E. BRYDGES, Town Clerk.
Town Hall, Ealing.

Parish of St. Pancras.

ASSISTANT LAUNDRY SUPERINTENDENT.

WANTED, for the ST. PANCRAS INFIRMARY (NORTH), Dartmouth Park Hill, N., an ASSISTANT LAUNDRY SUPERINTENDENT.

Salary £30 per annum, rising £1 yearly to a maximum of £25 per annum, with rations, lodging, washing, uniform and £4 per annum in lieu of beer.

Applications to be made personally to the Matron at the Infirmary, as above, any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

ALFRED A. MILLWARD,
Town Hall, Clerk to the Guardians.
Pancras road, N.W.
25th November, 1908.

Holborn Union.

THE GUARDIANS of the HOLBORN UNION require a FEMALE ATTENDANT at their Workhouse, Western-road, Mitcham, Surrey, for the Special Class of Aged and Male Inmates and Married Couples Quarters; previous Institution experience indispensable.

Salary £20 per annum, rising £1 yearly to £25 per annum, and £2 per annum in lieu of beer, subject to the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act, 1896.

Apply to the Matron, who, upon receipt of a stamped addressed foolscap envelope, will forward a form of application, to be returned to her by the 12th December, 1908.

The Matron may be seen between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

November 25th, 1908.

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REQUIRED for the NORTHERN EXTENSION of the LAGOS RAILWAY in Northern Nigeria. Salary at the rate of £250 a year. Free quarters and passage, and half-pay leave. Strict medical examination and vaccination, if necessary.

Candidates must not exceed the age of 40 years. They must be experienced in the construction of Railway Earthworks, Bridges, Culverts, Road Formation, etc., also Concrete Work; able to read plans. Previous experience in control of labour essential.

Applications, stating age, whether married or single, giving particulars of experience, and addresses of two present employers, also names and addresses of three persons to whom reference can be addressed to:—The Consulting Engineers (Staff Department), West African Government Railways, 35A, Great George-street, Westminster, S.W.

IMPORTANT to Governesses: Officials and others about to start for East and West Africa and Colonies requiring information concerning outfit, climate, &c., &c., information supplied gratis.—Apply or call upon Way's, 16, Billiter Buildings, Billiter-street, E.C.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

(Advertisements of SITUATIONS WANTED are inserted at a Special cheap rate of One Shilling for 18 Words, and Threepence for each 6 Words after.)

LADY recommends her Nurse or Nursery Governess, age 21, good needlewoman, disengaged now.—References to Mrs. Maitland Thompson, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

GIRL, 16, as General; tall, good character, 2½ years; wealthy Home also Generals, 19, can cook, 13 months' character, £12. Manor Agency, 144, Queen's-road, Peckham. Established 50 years.

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Clapham (Nearly Facing Common). SUPERIOR 8-roomed double-bay HOUSE; lease 80 years; price only £530—Owner, 3, King's-avenue, Clapham.

Fulham.

ELDBROOK COMMON, Irene-road—HOUSE for sale; in excellent repair; 70 years lease; ground rent £5—Further particulars, George Lumber, 10, Frankham-st., Deptford. S.E.

Manor Park.

14 FREEHOLD HOUSES, close to tram and bus ... producing £250 12s per annum, landlord paying rates and taxes; price £2,000. Apply, Wm. Ashmole, Auctioneer, Broadway, Ilford.

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SIX-ROOMED HOUSES to be Let; large gardens; near station; rents 9s per week and 7s 6d; Tenancy one year then terminate; rents 6d per week—Apply, Smith, 83, Dunsford-road, Raynes Park.

To Buyers & Sellers of Houses, &c.

STIMSON and SONS' List for Current Month now ready; investments guaranteed; can be had gratis on application, or free by post 1d stamp.—Stimson and Sons, Auctioneers, 3, Moorgate-street, E.C.; and 2, New Broad-st., E.C.

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PEXCELLENT HOUSES, in splendid repair, and let to good tenants at 15s each, producing £78 a year; £40 ground rent on the 2; price £450 the pair.—Write to Owner, Haslemere, Oliver-road, Leyton.

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£285 OR £55 cash down required, bay-window, semi-detached VILLA; 3 good rooms; handsomely decorated; 7 nice rooms; lease 79 years; £5 10s; a convenient and select residence.—Write Owner, 38, Kemble-road, Forest Hill.

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£195 OR £10 cash and 10s 11d monthly, corner, double-bay, non-basement VILLA; artistically decorated, everything up-to-date; 5 rooms; bath, and c.i.; lease 80 years at £4 10s.—Mr. Newton, 25, College Hill, Cannon-street, E.C.

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AN attractive, double-fronted RESIDENCE, just brought under our notice throughout; 3 large reception-rooms, 5 bed-rooms, h. and c. bath, large garden; price only £450, about £50 or £100 cash, and balance about £46 per annum.—Apply, Mr. Fisher, 20, Wormwood-street, City.

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TWO very respectable, non-basement HOUSES, let at 19s each per week or £98 16s, one tenant each House; lease 55 years; low ground rent; 155 6d each; price £1,000, each; exceptional property; no arrears—Trustee, 66, Park-crescent, Clapham.

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An Unique System.

AT HEALTHY WIMBLEDON PARK we are often offering absolutely the best £350 to £1,500 HOUSES on the market either for cash or on our unparalleled "R.P. System," by which the rent pays nearly the whole of Purchase Money. Interest, and G. Rents; some almost freely, but each House reserved to suit convenience of intending purchasers.—Free booklet from Ryan and Penfold, Wimbledon Park.

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LIMOT PAPER BLINDS look better than cloth; 2ft. 6in. wide, complete, rolled on rod, from 2s.—Gill, 85, Newington-causeway.

SOAP, 1d lb in bars, White or Carbolic; 56lbs for 5s postal order.—Address, Britannic Soap Works, Douglas-street, Wigan. Name this paper.

21/6 (worth double); Lovely Rolled Gold Watch, 25 deposit.—Call or write, Nurse Scott, 251, Uxbridge-rd., near Ashley Arms, Shepherd's-bush.

9/6—BABY'S Outfits, 25 weekly; beautiful Day Robes, Long Robes, Shirts, Flannels, Bootees, Caps, Complete Outfits, 25 weekly.—Write, Miss Norris, 18, St. Ann's Chambers, E.C.

UNDERLINEN, 9/- Parcel.—8 Ladies' Lovely Chemises, Knickers, Petticoats, 3 Dite Nights, 10/6; approval.—Miss Scott, 251, Uxbridge-rd., W.

Pawnbroker's Clearance Sale.

FULL LIST OF 1,500 BARGAINS Post Free. E. Davis, 590, Hatton Garden, London.

12/6—RON, DARK SABLE brown Russian Coney, full length, beautifully trimmed 10 Russian tails and bands; shaped collar; large Empress Muff to match; exactly as illustration; sacrifice 12s 6d; worth £5; willingly sent for inspection previously before payment.—E. Davis, Pawnbroker, 584, Hatton Garden, London.

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9/6—GENT'S 18ct. (stamped) Solid Gold HUNTER WATCH; richly engraved; 10 years' warranty; sacrifice 9s 6d; approval before payment.—E. Davis, Pawnbroker, 584, Hatton-road, London.

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9/6—GENT'S fashionable DOUBLE-ALBERT, 18ct gold (stamped), filled, Curb Pattern; worth £3 3s; sacrifice 9s 6d; approval before payment.—E. Davis, 584, Hatton-road, London.

7/6—MANCHORE LONG NECK CHAIN; 18ct gold (stamped), filled; choice designs in extra fine quality; sacrifice 7s 6d; approval quite privately before payment.—E. Davis, Pawnbroker, 584, Hatton-road, London.

8/6—LADY'S 18ct. (stamped) 5s MARK-WOOD RING, set with 5 large moss-stones, each one sparkling; solid gold; half-hunter; very beautiful and luxurious; sacrifice 8s 6d; approval willingly.—E. Davis, Pawnbroker, 584, Hatton-road, London.

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19/6—GENT'S fashionable dark brown TWEED SUIT; splendid quality, latest West-End cut and finish; breast 38in, waist 34in, trousers 32in; sacrifice 19s 6d; approval willingly sent.—E. Davis, Pawnbroker, 584, Hatton-road, London.

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5/9—LADY'S Handsome 9ct. Solid Engraved HALF-HUNTER WATCH; richly engraved; 10 years' warranty; sacrifice 5s 9d; approval willingly sent.—E. Davis, Pawnbroker, 584, Hatton-road, London.

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10/6—LADY'S massive 18ct. (Gypsy's favourite stone); solid gold (half-hunter); richly engraved; quite massive; 10 years' warranty; sacrifice 10s 6d; approval willingly.—E. Davis, Pawnbroker, 584, Hatton-road, London.

16/6—MAGNIFICENT 18ct. Diamond and Ruby DOUBLE BANGLE BRACELET; beautiful design; richly engraved and highly polished; 18ct. gold (stamped); worth £3 3s; sacrifice 16s 6d; approval willingly.—E. Davis, Pawnbroker, 584, Hatton-road, London.

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NOTES ON THE GAMES.

By "THE WHISTLE."

the Arsenal may account themselves lucky in winning, for it was not until the last moment that Lewis, from a corner, scored the winning goal against Chelsea. What the match lacked in science it made up for in the excitement it engendered. The home team were just a "pound" in input of the Arsenal all the way through. Fairgray's absence in the second half was a big handicap. The Arsenal forwards just failed to invest their work with artistic merit. Some of the movements were really "too pretty" to score. Whitley did well for his side, and was finely supported by Cameron and Miller.

Bradford Park Avenue found the long swinging passes of the Clapton Orient quite too much for them. They were rarely in the picture, and had the Orientals insides been a bit more accurate in their work the winning margin would have been appreciably greater.

The other and powerful attractions, of course, spoiled the attendance at North Greenwich, where Millwall, in an incidentless game, beat Brentford. Strangely enough, the Dockers scored their first penalty of the season. McIvor, in goal for Brentford, was all he ought to have been.

Southend's one goal lead at half-time was well deserved, though they missed, as did their opponents, Crystal Palace, several opportunities in the second, during which neither team scored.

They mixed it a bit at Watford—Leyton being by no means blameless. In fact, the only goal scored during the match was from a penalty against the East Londoners.

Swindon were a bit lucky to split the points with Northampton, even though the Northampton forwards were not quite at their best. The Swindon forwards played just a nice game, the ball going from wing to wing and often threatening to find the net, but the defence was sound and equal to all the demands made upon it.

Norwich did themselves well after last week's bad display to draw with the Southern League leaders. Norwich, so far this season, have not been beaten at "The Nest," but on paper the Saints' chance of spoiling their record looked a particularly good one. C. T. Craig, who at one time played for West Ham, appeared for the first time for the Canaries, and so well did he play that Beale had quite an ess yime.

Three wins, five losses, and six draws is not a very enviable record, and Plymouth Argyle, unless they overcome that weakness which is so marked a feature of their forward play, will fare even worse as the season advances. They have scored fewer goals than any other team in the competition, their nearest neighbours being the newly elected Southend United with 15. Ten goals in 16 matches! The defence, as usual, did all that was required of it, and though the Reading forwards tried all they knew, Sutcliffe knew something better—and did it.

The Australians still continue their way unconquered (except, of course, for that little affair at Llanelly). It is curious that when this team first arrived they were described as "by no means a great side." It was thought that, in view of the general and all-round improvement which had taken place in the English teams, they would never go their way unchecked. Yet, they have done so. True, they are not brilliant. That is, not brilliant as were the Springbokken. They have now come unscathed—except, of course, for their defeat by Llanelly—through the toughest of struggles. They can hardly be beaten now, at least, until they play their international fixtures. The curious thing is that they are so strong—usually so unspectacular. This is probably because they are, collectively and individually, opportunists. Without any fine efforts of combination, without any of those beautiful runs and swerves similar to those for which Stoddman became so noted, they score, almost, as it were, without saying it.

Somerset did not go badly against them yesterday, when it is remembered that other teams of far greater reputation have suffered defeat by considerably bigger margains, to be beaten by only 9 points to 0 is not entirely dissatisfactory.

Somerset mostly owed their defeat to their weakness at three-quarter. The forwards at times quite held their own, but the backs were hardly ever in the picture. The few occasions on which Somerset did attack were due to individual bursts. Lieut. Whitworth being particularly noticeable in this respect. Individual bursts, however, are rarely successful unless one gets a flyer like Macleod, and yesterday proved no exception to the rule.

Yorkshire suffered another set back in the County Championship, and were well beaten by Lancashire, though having the benefit of a strong wind in the first half.

The form of the Universities seems curiously inconsistent. As the result of their victory against the Wallabies, the hopes of Cambridge supporters rose high. Last week they beat London Scottish, though by a smaller margin than that by which Oxford defeated the same team. And yesterday they were beaten. Though their team included Macleod, the Light Blues were defeated by the Old Merchant Taylors, though by a small margin, it is true.

The Dublins chiefly owed their defeat to not finding their form quick enough. Once they did so they quite held their own; but they started too late. Obviously they must improve if they are to make anything of a fight at Queen's Club next month.

The Dark Blues, on the other hand, very easily beat the Heathens, and showed something like their old form. On this showing the Oxonians again appear to have the better chance in the forthcoming inter-Varsity fixture.

Lambert was certainly in form playing for the Colts against the Irish. His success was truly remarkable. Off his own hook he scored in all five tries, all of which he converted himself, one drop goal, and he also converted another try. He therefore scored (counting 2 points for his odd converted goal) 31 points out of a total of 34 scored in all.

The ten big teams playing in London yesterday seem to have been most curiously matched. In every case, with the exception of the Cambridge and O.M.T.'s match, the winners gained runaway victories. Totalling up the scores of the five winning teams against that of the losers, we find that the winning teams scored 148 points to only 39 by the losers, or an average of 29 points to 7 per match.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

(Special to "The People.")

Northampton 1, Swindon 1.

The visitors kicked off before 8,000 persons in fine weather, and Northampton started well, Ling having to fist out from Walker. A minute after the Swindon contention was winded. Swindon, though playing against the wind, were doing splendidly, and several times threatened the home goal, Davies saving in the nick of time from Lavery, whilst Bean placed by. A spirited response by Northampton saw Ling save from Lessons, and Lewis shot over. A free kick to Swindon looked promising, but after a hot encounter Northampton cleared. Swindon up to this stage had been the more dangerous side, the home forwards playing poorly. Two corners fell to them, however, and from the second Lessons missed by inches. They were doing better towards the interval, but near goal were anything but dangerous, and were attacking at half-time, when there was no score.

The second half opened in the Swindon territory, Northampton showing much better form than previously, and some hot work was accomplished in front of the visitors' goal, and Ling saved from Manning at the expense of a corner, from which Ling was called upon by Freeman, and McDiarmid headed over. Still, Northampton kept up the attack, and Lewis was charged off the ball when in the act of shooting, whilst anning missed with a fine shot. Swindon got away after this, but their efforts did not spell danger until Jefferson was fouled in the penalty area, and Kay scored, the ball having been in progress had an hour. Northampton forced a corner in turn, Ling saving splendidly from Lewis. Just before the end Walker equalised from a free kick. Result:—Northampton, 1; Swindon, 1.

Bristol Rovers 1, West Ham 0.

Except that they were without Peploe, who is undergoing a week's suspension for being ordered off in the game with Norwich City last month, the Rovers were at full strength against West Ham, Savage coming into the team in place of Peploe, and 8,000 spectators witnessed a fast and interesting game in dull weather. West Ham were at full strength, and won the toss, but in the opening stages they were on the defensive, the Bristol attack dropping into its stride from the kick off, and but for the repeated tendency for off-side tactics they must early have given the Londoners' defence a very lively time. As it was, Kitchen early had to save from Savage, and not long after he got away a brilliant effort by Dargue. West Ham did not show such pace or clever combination in attack as the Rovers, but when once got away and finished up with a long shot, which bounced off Appleby, and would have scored but for Cartlidge daringly throwing himself full length at the ball and turning it round the post at the expense of a corner. This was well placed, and again Cartlidge cleared, and for some minutes after this play had very little serious work to do. Bristol, on the other hand, worked the West Ham defence very seriously, and after half an hour's play Gerrish got the lead for them, following very clever work on the right. Kitchen having absolutely no chance with his shot. West Ham responded to this with very brisk work, and Cartlidge saved well from Foster, but again after that the attack was mainly monopolised by the Rovers, for when Roberts, who was always conspicuous, headed a neat attempt on to Lacy, and Richens put the ball away as it fell. The West Ham wives used their weight to the full advantage after this, and mainly due to them the Rovers only led by 1 goal to 0 at the interval.

Play in the second half opened with West Ham temporarily pressing, but they were soon forced back, and then the visiting backs gave of their best in dealing with the serious onslaughts of the home quintette, who were very quick on the ball and were assisted in assaults by the halves and even the full backs, Floyd once putting in a very clever effort. Kitchen, however, showed certainty as well as variety in this play, and once Rovers were also several times pulled up for offside, their attack lost some of its sting, and the middle patch of the second half was comparatively dull. West Ham undoubtedly improved in attack after this, but their shooting remained weak, and the Rovers rallying again, Kitchen saved a fine shot from Gerrish brilliantly. It was a keenly fought game right up to the finish, and the Rovers deserved a victory by even more than 1 goal to 0.

Norwich C. 2, Southampton 2.

Craig, late of Bradford Park, appeared a long time for Norwich, Allsopp and Dunning reappearing after injuries. The visitors were prompt from the kick off to force a corner, and from the clearance the Canaries set up a series of attacks, and ultimately, from a centre by Coxhead, Smith scored a brilliant goal, and for awhile subsequently Southampton had the better of the attacks, in one of which Nemdas was hurt. Persevering, Southampton equalised in 10 minutes, the ball being bundled through. Hereabouts Southampton had very much the best of it, and gave Norwich plenty of work, and it was left to Coxhead to create diversion, from which both Dunning and Tomlinson troubled Lock, but subsequently Southampton were the aggressors, and Norwich had a warm time. The game was marked by frequent fouls. Towards the close of the half Norwich asserted themselves, and just on time Allsopp regained the lead by a fine shot, amid great excitement. Interval: Norwich, 2; Southampton, 1.

Norwich played much better after the interval, and the forwards attacked rather more frequently than Southampton though the defence of each side was so keen and resolute that neither goalkeeper had much to do; and they were dependent for their work upon long shots, chiefly from the wing. Coxhead and Dunning led many attacks on the Saints' goal, whilst Balmbridge was conspicuous for the visitors. Following a corner to the Saints, some mix-kicking in the Saints' rear division let in Dunning, but his shot lacked power and Lock easily cleared. Craig and Newlands put up a fine defence for Norwich, but 20 minutes after the interval, and during a smart attack, Hodgkinson scored with a rising ball, which went in the net after hitting the crossbar. Lock fell on a ball driven in by Dunning, and Eastham kicked out a shot from Silor. The issue hung in the balance, each side attacking strongly, Norwich going stronger than ever, but there was no further scoring. Result:—Norwich, 2; Southampton, 2.

Coventry City 2, Brighton 1.

Six thousand people witnessed this match, which was played in fine weather. The visitors were a heavier team than the homesters, and their strong rushes were often too much for the City forwards, but Brighton found the home backs not easily passed. Archer had saved seven times in the first quarter of an hour. Then the City men pulled themselves together, and combined forward play beat the Brighton front line. Arnold nicely played the ball to Tickle, and the Coventry outside left winger scored the first point of the game. Play for the rest of the half was of an even character, mainly it was in the visitors' quarters, and several corners fell to the City; but the defence was sufficient. Brennan played a fine game, Buckle on the other side finding his match in the Brighton forward. Just before the whistle went Martin, centre forward, beat the home goalkeeper, and thus at half-time the score was even, one goal each.

Play in the second half revealed no new features, and while largely in mid-field, it settled down now and again to real sluggishness. Neither goalkeeper had a lot to do, and most of the work Archer and Whiting were put to called for no smartness. The game woke up at last with a penalty falling to Coventry, and Tickle had no difficulty in getting past Whiting and giving a fresh lead to the City. Twice after the home team put the ball through, but were offside. Play continued to be with Coventry, who kept their opponents on the defensive. Once or twice Brighton managed to beat the home forwards, and near the closing time made a sharp attack on the City goal, Archer having to put in all he knew to keep Martin out. A spiritless game closed in falling light with a win for the home team. Result: Coventry, 2; Brighton, 1.

Reading 0, Plymouth Argyle 0

There was an improved attendance at this match at Reading, and those present had the pleasure of witnessing a very keenly contested fight, in which each side did themselves credit. Reading opened the play against the breeze, and the exchanges at once became fast and entertaining. A splendid movement on the part of Holden was succeeded by a grand shot by the same player, which Newbigging dealt with cleverly. Then, for several minutes, Reading pressed severely, and a magnificent effort by Huggins was cheered all along the line. Sutcliffe, however, brought off a marvellous save, and he in his turn was deservedly cheered, as he was a moment later when he picked up the ball from Morley, who struck the post with a tremendous shot. It was really fine football, every player on the field distinguishing himself. There was no score at the interval.

The second half was by no means as interesting as the opening moiety, the Plymouth players running riot over the referee and practically fouling every other moment. On one occasion Mr. Smith certainly called the sides together and administered a rebuke, which, however, did no good, as the subsequent exchanges were as rough and disappointing as could be. There were a few points only which afforded pleasure. One was a delightful drive by Wilcox which found Newbigging on the alert and clever in saving. Thenceforward Reading were distinctly the superior side, and magnificent shots were directed by Burch, Boden, Bartholomew, Higgins and Morley, which Sutcliffe cleverly saved. Indeed, the old International was the most conspicuous man on the field. Result:—Reading, 0; Plymouth A., 0.

Southend 1, Crystal Palace 0.

These teams met at Southend for the first time in fine weather before 6,000 spectators. Southend played Harrod and Smith, reserves for Emery and Ronaldson, and the Palace had Innerd for Thorp. The visitors opened well, and bad play by the backs gave Bauchop an open goal, but he shot over. From a corner McGibbon headed in, Cotton saving grandly; and at the other end Smith missed a fine opening, and then Frost all but scored. A good centre by Birnie was allowed to go begging, following which Cotton saved smartly from Swann. After a time Southend gained the upper hand. Ten minutes before the interval Birnie received on the wing and beat Johnson with a long shot. Southend continued to press, Ryan being injured. At the interval Southend led by 1 goal to 0.

The Palace adopted the one back game in the second half, and Smith and Birnie were early pulled up for offside. In their desperation the visitors were not over careful in their tactics, and fouls were frequent. From one kick Wright missed by inches with a good shot. A minute later Johnson ran out to clear from Frost, and then Woodger caused Cotton to handle. Bauchop had hard luck with a grounder, the ball striking the post and the goalie before being cleared. Smith made a grand effort to score, wending his way through the defence and shaving the post with his shot. A nice pass by Frost gave Birnie a chance, but he missed a practically open goal, McGibbon heeled over when well placed. Smith was stopped for offside. At the finish the score was unaltered, and Southend gained two valuable points by winning by 1 goal to 0.

Watford 1, Leyton 0.

This match at Cassio Road was but poorly attended, no more than 2,000 being present at the start. Watford gave a trial at centre-forward to A. Skilton, who got his chance through Smith being hurt at Southampton. Leyton fielded the identical team which won on Monday. There was very little to arouse enthusiasm in the first half-hour's play. Hubbard got in one splendid shot, which Whitbourne cleverly saved, and at the other end Ryder came near scoring from a corner. Watford then had a good deal the best of the play, and MacLarne should have scored when he drove the ball on to the bar and sent over. Skilton was responsible for a fine cross shot, and Leyton were taking a corner when the interval came with no score.

Watford commenced the second half in a style which showed that they thoroughly meant business, but their marksmanship was poor, first Kelly and then MacLaine letting slide the easiest of chances. The inside-right's blunder was very bad ones, for Whitbourne had come out and MacLaine was within four yards when he slashed the ball right across the goal. Directly afterwards Hubbard was fouled close in, and the referee had no hesitation in awarding a penalty. This was taken by Hubbard himself, and he beat Whitbourne with a tremendous drive. Leyton put on a spurt, and Scarburg ran through, only to have a shot from close in saved finely from Biggar. The game got rough, and Kelly and Sharp were spoken to by the referee, and this was not the only unpleasant incident. Watford eventually won by 1 goal to 0.

New Brompton 1, Luton 0.

The sky was very dull and threatening when the teams turned out for this encounter on the Gillingham ground. Reid, who was injured at Brentford, was superseded by Sheppard, of the Royal Engineers, in the New Brompton forward line. Platts and Bradley appeared instead of Jarvis and Moody for Luton. About 7,000 spectators were present when Menzies kicked off for Luton against the wind. New Brompton were far more aggressive than their opponents, and the Luton goal had two or three lively escapes from an attack by Luton. Brown headed against the upright from a beautiful centre by Stansfield. Powell missed a great chance for New Brompton from a centre by Pickett. Within three minutes of the interval Powell scored for New Brompton from a centre by Pickett. Half-time: New Brompton, 1; Luton, 0.

New Brompton attacked in smart style when the game was re-started, and forced a couple of corners, which were unfruitful. The visitors also had two corners, which were useless. Brown, the outside right of Luton, was damaged in a charge and limped about, though he did not retire. Great pressure followed on the New Brompton goal, but the shooting of the forwards was erratic. Brown quickly recovered and indulged in a fast run, taking the ball over the lines. He afterwards centred beautifully and took a shot which just missed. New Brompton were repeatedly dangerous without getting through. The backs on both sides were showing splendid defence. Wyman was unlucky for New Brompton with a high shot, the ball hitting the bar and going over.

Exeter 4, Portsmouth 1.

At Exeter. In anticipation of a Titanic struggle, fully 4,000 people thronged to St. James's Park. Even play characterised the opening stages. Both Robinson and Brown were early called on, but did all that was required of them in their usual business-like style. Six minutes from the kick, however, hands against Warner in the danger zone was given, and Sam Chadwick got past Brown with a terrible low drive. Up and down play followed. Bulcock and Craig for the Citizens defended gradually while Warner and Smith were towers of strength for Pompey. Following a brief visit to the home preserves, Bell got off on his own, and cutting between the opposing backs landed Exeter's second goal with a lightning shot high up in the net. Fine combination between the Grecian forwards boded danger. Watson was just a trifle off the target, while a second shot by the Exeter skipper struck the crossbar. Reed got away, but found Bulcock impassable, as did McMahon. Almost immediately after Chadwick, however, conceded two corners in rapid succession, relief being obtained by the ball going behind. Portsmouth kept pegging away, and the defence had many anxious moments. Exeter took up the running, Brown being sorely pressed. His successfully dealt with shots from Watson, Chadwick, and McGuigan, the whistle going with Exeter leading by 2 goals to 0.

On resuming the Citizens set up a short-lived attack. Coming away smartly Kirby raced around Bulcock, swinging across for Reid to beat Robinson, after three minutes' play. Following defeat by Bowling, around the home goal, White and Watson got moving. Smith was compelled to come to the rescue, but unfortunately in saving the visiting left back broke his leg, necessitating surgical treatment, and subsequent removal. The homesters flashed to the other end, where Johnston, Copestake, Chadwick, and Bell vainly tried to penetrate, but Brown was grand in defence. Twenty minutes from the end, however, White placed a corner beautifully, and McGuigan headed in. Pompey responded gamely, Kirby and Reid being again strong in attack. Right on the conclusion the Exeter front rankers were prominent. Warner misjudged, and Copestake got through the fourth goal with a 10 horse power kick. Exeter thus won a hard game by 4 to 1.

Millwall 2, Brentford 1.

At N. Greenwich. Fewer than 2,000 spectators saw the start of the game between Millwall and Brentford, and neither side was at full strength. Millwall were still without Joyce, their goalkeeper, and Carmichael was again relied upon, while Jeffreys partnered Stevenson in the rear. At the last minute it was found that Sugden could not turn out in Brentford's attacking line, and Nicholson, who was formerly with Portsmouth and at other times plays centre forward, was called upon. It was rather a dull opening, but Millwall were the first to get going, and McIver, the Brentford goalkeeper, saved in good style from Hunter and Jones. As often happens, however, the side that had had to defend strongly suddenly became the aggressors and scored a goal after about 10 minutes' play. It happened in this way. The ball was slanted out to Ryall on the right, and he removed it to the centre forward, Reid, who beat Carmichael. Millwall returned to the attack, and they had three distinct chances of scoring. Once Jones, standing under the bar, missed a gilt-edged opportunity. Subsequently Ewing, Brentford's left full back, handled within the area, and a penalty was the result. This was taken by Hunter, who beat McIver with a capital shot, the ball rising from the foot to the roof of the net.

Vincent was hurt just before the change of ends, but he was able to resume, and on resuming the locals again pressed strongly. Cunliffe headed through, but there was no doubt at all that he was offside, and following a free kick Jones pushed his way through the two backs and gave the locals the winning goal. Shortly afterwards there was a desperate scene in the Brentford goal, and the defenders were lucky to escape. Result: Millwall, 2; Brentford, 1.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

THE LEAGUE.—Div. I.

Chelsea	1	Woolwich A.	2
Manchester U.	1	Sheffield Wed.	1
Sunderland	0	Notts County	1
Aston Villa	1	Bristol City	1
Notts Forest	0	Newcastle Utd.	4
Sheffield United	2	Preston N.E.	1
Liverpool	1	ManchesterCity	1
Blackburn Rov.	3	Leicester Fosse	1
Bradford City	1	Everton	1
Bury	2	Middlesbrough	1

THE LEAGUE.—Div. II.

Tottenham H.	2	Grimsby	0
Clapton Orient	2	Bradford P. A.	0
Barnsley	1	Fulham	2
Blackpool	0	W. Bromwich A.	2
Hlossom	0	Bolton Wndrs.	1
Leeds City	1	Burnley	2
Oldham Ath.	1	Wolvern'mpton	2
Chesterfield	1	Stockport C.	2
Derby County	1	Birmingham	1
Hull City	5	Gainsborough	1

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

Millwall	2	Brentford	1
Coventry City	2	Brighton & Hove	1
Bristol Rovers	1	West Ham	0
Southend	1	Crystal Palace	0
Exeter	4	Portsmouth	1
Watford	1	Leyton	0
New Brompton	1	Luton	0
Northampton	1	Swindon	1
Norwich City	2	Southampton	2
Reading	0	Plymouth A.	0

(Played on the ground of the first-named.)

SOUTH-EASTERN LEAGUE.

Brighton and Hove Res. v. Queen's Park Res.—The Rangers sent a capital team, but Brighton, playing a fine, dashing game throughout, won by 2 to 0. Hall got the first goal after a brilliant run and centre by Elliott in 25 minutes. The second came from a foul soon after half-time, Hulme skilfully placing for a fine shot by Elliott. Law struck the post, with Tustin down, but Brighton missed numerous chances.

Crystal Palace Res., 1; Southend United Res., 0.

Luton Res., 1; Norwich City Res., 1.

Croydon Common, 5; Sittingbourne, 2.

Maidstone United, 2; Chelsea Res., 1.

Portsmouth Res., 3; Tottenham Hotspur Res., 2.

Swindon R., 1; Clapton O., 6.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals for	Goals ag.	Pts
West Ham U.	14	11	1	2	26	11	24
Norwich City	17	6	2	9	30	21	21
Tottenham H.	19	7	5	7	49	27	21
Fulham	16	9	7	0	36	28	18
Brighton	13	8	4	1	30	19	17
Swindon	15	6	6	3	19	25	15
Croydon	12	5	3	4	25	19	14
T. Wells R.	12	6	4	2	24	22	14
Chelsea	14	6	7	1	18	24	13
Maidstone U.	15	5	7	3	15	21	13
Crystal Palace	15	6	8	1	19	26	13
Clapton O.	13	5	6	2	19	19	12
Woolwich A.	14	4	5	4	19	24	12
Queen's Park R.	13	4	6	3	24	22	11
Portsmouth	13	4	6	3	19	30	11
Sittingbourne	14	4	7	3	25	37	11
Leyton	15	4	8	3	17	21	11
Southend U.	15	3	7	5	12	29	11
Hastings	10	3	4	3	25	16	9
Luton	12	3	6	3	19	18	9

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE.

NEW CRUSADERS 4, CASUALS 3.

The Casuals took a very strong side to Sidcup, but Sergeant soon went so lame as to be of little use, and the Crusaders just won a very good game by 4 to 3.

CLUB MATCHES.

QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS v. LONDON CALEDONIANS.

There was not a great crowd at Park Royal yesterday, but th eCalies, who provided the opposition gave the Rangers a really good game, although they were beaten by 5—0. flight away from the start the game was fast and exciting. The Calies put plenty of life into their play, and for a few minutes they gave the Rangers defence plenty to do. Then the home team got away. The interval arrived with the Rangers leading by two clear goals. In the second half the Rangers superiority was most marked, and nothing but the fine goalkeeping of Guy Watson prevented a very big score by the home team. As it was they put on three more goals through Downing, Drake, and Skilton, and finally won a good game by 5—0.

Ilford v. Royal Navy.—A fast and interesting game between these clubs, before a good attendance at Newbury Park, resulted in Ilford beating the Royal Navy by 4 to 3. Touch was absent from the home side, but H. J. Eastwood, who has recently been assisting West Ham, made his first appearance for the club, having the misfortune, however, to be kicked very badly, which necessitated his retirement mid-way in the second half. The absence of J. M. Bell, the Navy centre-forward, caused their team to be rearranged at the last moment. Ilford, perhaps, had the better of the opening exchanges, but the Navy kept up their end very well, and they were pressing Ilford hard when the interval arrived. Ilford this time were chosen however, for Martin opened the scoring for them within five minutes of the start from Bert Pearce's pass, and although within less than a minute the visitors equalised through their centre, Kirkin, after Sullivan's shot had been saved, Ilford took the lead 20 minutes later, when Eastwood got an open chance. Ilford did most of the attacking afterwards, but besides putting up a spirited defence the Navy showed excellent form occasionally in the front line, and their goals were obtained from clever sprints, Lawrence and Sullivan being conspicuous on the right wing, and Kirkin working hard at centre. After Martin and C. H. Pearce had added further goals to Ilford's score within five minutes or so of the resumption, the Navy played a faster game, and after 20 minutes, Sullivan and Kirkin made a fine sprint, the former scoring, while the same player got through again not long before the final. Ilford were handicapped in the later stages by the unfortunate absence of Eastwood, owing to his injuries.

Newcastle United Res. v. Seaham White Star.—At Newcastle, before 5,000 spectators. The United team contained three internationals in Rutherford, Carr, and Howes. Seaham played up in surprisingly good form, and the score stood one each at the interval, Allan and Jagden being the scorers. Allan added another two for United on resuming, and Rutherford scored two, Seaham getting two more by Sugden and Clennell. Final:—Newcastle, 5; Seaham, 3.

Ilford, 4; Royal Navy, 3.

Old Owens, 5; Old Stationers, 1.

Old Merchant Rec., 4; London Joint Stock Bank, 1.

Walthamstow Grafton, 5; Furnstead St. John's, 2

Old Grammarians, 1; Old Johnians, 1.

Old Cheltonians, 3; Old Chesterians, 2.

Kingston (2nd), 3; Barnes, 2.

City Ahtens, 7; Springfield College O.B., 3.

Oxford City, 3; Cambridge Casuals, 0.

West Norwood (A), 5; Beckton United, 0.

Woodford Alliance Rec., 0; Cogwell, 0.

Hercules, 1; Ilford, 0.

Alleyn, 3; Richmond Assn., 0.

Harrow Rec., 2; Alleyn Rec., 1.

Dulwich Hamlet (2nd), 3; Tufnell Park Rec., 1.

Old Tollingtonians (A), 3; Old Dorsetians, 1.

Old Tollingtonians (A), 3; Crusaders, 1.

King's Royal Rifles, 5; Colchester Town, 2.

Hornsey Rec., 7; Oakcroft, 1.

Highgate Rec., 5; Hackney Rec., 2.

Dulwich Wood, 10; Hampstead (C), 0.

Leyton Rec., 3; Eton Manor, 1.

Maidenhead Norfolkians, 4; Southsea, 1.

Alleyn (A), 4; Beerleigh (A), 2.

Guildhall, 4; Clapham Rovers, 0.

Wanstead, 6; Capel, 1.

Harrow Ath., 3; Bromley St. Leonard's, 1.

Royal Borough of Kingston A.C., 1; Merton, 0.

Hackbridge College, 8; St. Gregorius (Luton), 0.

Old Salopians, 3; Chiswemeds, 0.

St. Andrew's, 3; Treloar's, 2.

Peckham Rec., 3; Brunswick, 1.

Plymouth Argyle, 3; Plumpton, 0.

Ilford, 3; Malden Rec., 0.

Buxton, 5; Old Foresters, 0.

South Bermondsey, 4; Waltham Rec., 1.

Wrotham, 7; Ledham, 0.

Waltham, 4; Smallberry, 0.

Hampstead Town, 10; University, 0.

Harrow Mission, 5; Paddington Alston, 3.

St. John's Notting Hill, 8; Burlington Rovers, 2

St. Andrew's, 3; Old Kingsburians, 1.

Manor House, 8; Revere, 0.

Highbury, 6; People's Palace, 0.

Old Ignatians, 3; Old Salesians Utd., 0.

St. Francis, 4; Kentish Rec., 1.

Old Paulines, 10; Filgrims, 0.

Mare Common, 3; Stanmore Grammar School, 1.

Tufnell Park, 3; Rec., 0.

Hampstead, 1; Old Owens, 0.

Chesham, 4; Ath., 3; London Ath., 2.

Hampstead Grammar School, 7; Brighton Hunt and Country, 0.

Grove End Rec., 3; Brighton Adelte, 0.

East Grinstead, 4; Mitcham, 0.

Hove Rec., 4; Old Cliftonians, 2.

Mill Hill Rec., 7; Loyola College, 1.

Upper Belmont, 5; St. Mark's, 0.

Brighton Comrs., 3; Bristol Ath., 2.

BROCKWELL PARK.

Dulwich Rovers, 9; Hollingon, 1.

Gresham, 3; Silver Ath., 1.

Alexandra Old, 5; Chancery, 0.

Brockley, 3; Clapham Rec., 0.

Royal Oak, 1; G.T. Lodge, 0.

Leathersellers, 11; St. Paul Norwood, 1.

Haselmere, 5; Old Dene, 2.

CLAPHAM.

St. Mary's Ath., 3; Grosvenor Utd. (Westminster), 1.

Kennington Treshee, 7; Clapham Holy Trinity, 1.

South Park, 0; The Rose, 0.

Bromley Rovers, 1; Browning Ath., 1.

Ibis, 2; Rec., 0.

Hampstead, 5; Lambeth Utd., 1.

St. Mary's, 3; Municipals, 1.

Old Westminsters, 4; Paperon Rec., 1.

Hampstead Rec., 3; Bedford Rovers, 3.

Melrose, 7; St. Ubo's, 0.

Chelsea Rovers, 5; Arundale Swifts, 0.

St. Mary's, 3; Rangers Old Crosse, 1.

Clifton Rangers, 8; Burlington Utd., 0.

Victor Athletic, 7; Swallow, 1.

Perryvale Swifts, 2; St. Dunstan's, 0.

Old Ignatians, 4; Kingsway Rec., 0.

All Souls A., 4; Kingsway Rec., 0.

6th L.R.V., 3; 106th L.R.V., 0.

St. John's, 3; Burlington Rovers, 2.

Rangers, 4; Heart of Midlothian, 3.

MINOR COMPETITIONS.

AMATEUR CUP.

FOURTH QUALIFYING ROUND.

Uxbridge, 1; Hilsrell, 3.

Chelmsford, 4; South Weald, 2.

Leicester Rec., 2; Maidstone Ath., 0.

Caversham Rangers, 3; Crusade Wanderers, 3.

Apsley, 7; Tufnell Park, 1.

Metropole Ath., 5; Kingston-on-Thames, 2.

Luton Clarence, 4; Chesham Generals, 2.

Poole, 2; Bournemouth Gas and Water, 0.

Redhill, 5; Dorking, 1.

Yarmouth Town, 1; Lowestoft Town, 1.

Ealing, 3; Wanstead, 2.

Frost's Cray, 1; Rochester, 0.

Hereford City, 4; Gloucester City, 2.

Old Citizens, 0; Brentwood Rovers, 0.

Wark, 3; Clere, 1.

Scottish Rifles, 1; Royal Engineers, 0.

Southwick, 5; Bishopstoke, 1.

Bournemouth (A), 5; Longmoorsop, 2.

Scarborough, 2; Knaresborough, 1.

A.F.A. SENIOR CUP.

Keshey, 2; Parthians, 1.

A.F.A. JUNIOR CUP.

Old Westminsters (A), 2; Sherebrook Amateurs Res., 0

Trojans Res., 2; Watling, 1.

Crouch Vampires Res., 5; Marlborough, 0.

Oxted, 5; Carshalton Res., 2.

Bromley, 6; Riverslade Res., 0.

Wimbledon (2nd), 3; Regents Priory Res., 1.

Minerva (3rd), 3; Guy's Hospital (3rd), 0.

Townley Park Res., 3; Burnt Ash Res., 3.

AMATEUR PRIVATE CLUBS CUP.

Minerva, 4; Oakshott, 0.

ARTHUR DUNN CUP.

Old Reptonians, 3; Old Pelotechians, 2.

Civil Service, 3; Hampstead, 2.

ASCOT LEAGUE.

Camberley St. George's, 6; Sunninghill, 1.

Ascot, 1; Bagshot, 1.

BUCKS JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Marlow Res., 2; Burnham, 2.

BERKS AND BUCKS MINOR CUP.

Chalvey O.B., 4; Windsor and Eton Minors, 1.

BOURNEMOUTH LEAGUE.

Carters Utd., 4; Westbourne, W., 3.

Boscombe, 1, Bournemouth Rangers, 1.

Winchester Fishmongers, 1; Wareham and Dale, 1

Branksome St. Aldhelm's, 5; Parkstone Rangers, 0.

Wood's, XI., 4; Bournemouth Recruiters, 2.

Boscombe United XI., 4; Church Lads' Brigade, 1.

Boys High School, 11; Wimborne Grammar School, 1.

Bournemouth School, 4; Bournemouth School-masters, 1.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE SCHOOLS LEAGUE.

Portland, 1; St. Luke's, 0.

Dorothea, 5; Hazel Mere, 2.

Central, 5; St. John's, 0.

Christchurch, 2; St. John's, 0.

Connaught, 5; Preston, 0.

Cross, 5; Cobham, 1.

Lewes Road, 0; Hove Elms, 2.

Pinnery, 7; Middle, 3.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE SENIOR LEAGUE.

Ely, 1; Cross Keys, 2.

Shepreth, 4; Grunsichester, 1.

CAMBRIDGE JUNIOR SHIELD.

Chesterton Rovers, 7; Barrington, 0.

United Counties, 3; Histon, 2.

Swifts, 11; Newton Utd., 0.

G.E.R. Loco, 13; Wesleyans, 0.

Wilburton, 2; New Chesterton, 0.

Chesterton Rovers, 7; Histon Town, 1.

Crown, 0; New Chesterton, 0.

CHISWICK CHARITY CUP

Ealing Swifts, 4; Kingston Ashl, 0.

CHICHESTER AND BOGNOR LEAGUE.

Arundel, 4; Selsey, 0.

DULWICH ALLIANCE.

East Dulwich, 2; I. and E.W.R., 0.

Ferndale, 1; Crown Ath., 0.

ENGLISH SCHOOLS' SHIELD.

Woolwich, 1; Gravesend, 0.

Ford London, 15; Stanley, 0.

Willesden, 4; Hayes and Harlington, 2.

West Ham, 4; Tottenham, 0.

EASTBOURNE LEAGUE.

St. Anne's, 5; Terminus Road Congregational, 0.

Wanderers, 2; Priory, 4.

Gas Co., 7; Wanderers, 1.

ESSEX SENIOR CUP.

REPLAYED TIE.

Hawportonians, 3; Romford, 2.

Maryish and Farlington, 2; Queen's Regt., 1.

FINCHLEY LEAGUE.

Campsbourne Inst., 1; Old Burghleyans, 1.

GREAT WESTERN SUBURBAN LEAGUE.

Brentford Rec., 4; Maidenhead Norfolkians, 1.

Chiswick, 2; Old Brentfordians, 1.

Windsor Star, 1; Irish Guards, 0.

GRENFELL SCHOOLS SHIELD COMPETITION.

Chalvey National, 8; Langley Central, 0.

GUILDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Jarbics Rec., 0; St. John's, 0.

Stoughton, 2; Downs Ath. Rec., 0.

Merrow Utd., 3; Guildford Rec., 0.

Castle Brewery, 3; Godalming (3rd), 1.

Guildford Star, 7; Shalford, 1.

HANTS LEAGUE.

Cowes, 4; Gosport Utd., 1.

HANTS JUNIOR CUP.

SECOND ROUND.

Verona, 1; Royal Marine Res., 0.

St. Simon's, 2; Boscombe, 2.

Cowes, 7; Gosport, 0.

HOVE AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Southwick Res., 7; Hove St. Andrew's, 0.

ISLE OF WIGHT LEAGUE.

Yaverland, 2; Buffalo Regt., 1.

Freshwater S.A., 1; East Cowes Vics., 1.

East Cowes Res., 4; Binstead, 3.

KENT JUNIOR CUP.

Malling Inst., 0; Hoad Res., 0.

KENT LEAGUE.

North